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THE KING SHOTS IN THE MIST.



His Majesty the King has been enjoying some excellent pheasant shooting in Refilly Woods, near Castle Rising, where he is the guest of Lord Farquhar. Despite the fact that the weather has been damp and misty, sport has been good, and at the close of one day's shooting the royal bag totalled nearly a thousand head of game. The above is an excellent photograph of a royal shooting party, showing his Majesty standing on the left.

DOOMED PORT ARTHUR.



The gallant Japanese are relentlessly sapping their way into Port Arthur. This photograph shows Japanese officers in a subterranean siege parallel, by means of which they have penetrated under the fortifications almost to the town itself, and in spite of the gallantry of General Stoessel and his men, the stronghold of the Russians must fall shortly.—(Stereograph Copyright: Underwood and Underwood.)

23, Mary Street, Birmingham.

LAST OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

Every Battleship in Port
Arthur Out of Action.

FOUR UNDER WATER.

Togo Now Free to Meet Rojest-
vensky.

SUDDEN AND DRAMATIC END.

Port Arthur's Fleet has been utterly smashed by the terrible plunging fire from the Japanese guns on 203 Metre Hill.

Last night the following briefly dramatic telegram was received at the Japanese Legation in London:—

The commander of the naval artillery at Port Arthur reports as follows:—

On Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., the actual state of Russian ships was as follows: The Peresviet sunk up to stern-walk; the Poltava, Retvisan, and Pobieda all sunk up to upper deck; the Pallada heeling to port side; the Bayan taking fire; the Sevastopol alongside the crane in the East Harbour invisible except her masts.

Bombardment on Thursday was principally directed to the three latter vessels.

TOGO'S NEW TASK.

Admiral Togo's task at Port Arthur has been taken out of his hands by General Nogi.

From the above message it is evident that the Port Arthur Fleet is no longer in being.

Admiral Togo will now be able to give his undivided attention to the Baltic Fleet, which is now to consist of three squadrons.

In addition to the squadrons now on the way, a third squadron will be dispatched on January 8 or 9 next.

FORTRESS AT ITS LAST GASP.

The tidings of these disasters has confirmed the growing belief in St. Petersburg that the fortress is at its last gasp. It is argued that the Japanese would not be able to utilise the position at 203 Metre Hill for so effective a bombardment if the defence had not slackened in a marked degree.

Additional evidence is gathered from the two armistices sought in such quick succession, and it is generally believed that the fortress is on the very point of capitulation.

The most important news from Manchuria is that of the arrival at Mukden of General Gripenberg, the officer commanding the Second Manchurian Army.

SHATTERED SHIPS.

How the Work of Destruction at Port
Arthur Proceeded.

TOKIO, Thursday.—The following report from the commander of the Naval Land Battery at Port Arthur was received here at two o'clock this afternoon:—

"The Pobieda's middle funnel is seriously damaged. She is listing aft and is submerged to the sternwalk. The Peresviet's upper deck is under water. The Retvisan is listing to starboard and her upper deck is nearly submerged.

"The Pallada is lying between the Retvisan and the mineship Amur, and cannot be distinctly seen. She seems to be sinking slightly by the stern, but the actual extent of the damage is not known.

"The foredeck of the Bayan is now on fire. The Sevastopol appears to be lying in the East Harbour alongside the great crane. Only her masts tops are visible, the hull completely hiding her hull. The Japanese naval and military guns are to-day being concentrated upon the Pallada, the Bayan, and the Sevastopol."—Reuter.

COALING THE BALTIC FLEET.

British Steamers Being Sold to German
Owners.

The British-owned steamer, Lord Warwick, 2,540 tons, was last week purchased by Herr Dredrich, a large merchant of Kiel.

Herr Dredrich has the contract for supplying the Baltic Fleet with coal, and it is understood that the Lord Warwick will shortly load with coal for the East.

Advertisements for large steamers, capable of steaming 20 knots an hour, are appearing daily in the Antwerp and Hamburg papers. Such vessels are very difficult to obtain at any price.

Frost, followed by snow, sleet, and To-Day's Weather (Lighting-up time, 4.40 p.m. Sea passages cold rain; strong south to east winds.) (moderate to rough generally.)

FRENZIED STOCKBROKERS.

New York Millionaire Creates
Stock Exchange Panic.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.—Frenzied excitement prevailed on the Stock Exchange to-day, and in the first hour business was completely demoralised.

The cause is attributed to the alarmist circulars distributed by Mr. T. W. Lawson, a millionaire, who has quarrelled with the Standard Oil Company, and also in some measure to the narrow margins by which hundreds of speculators held their stocks.

Everyone appeared to be possessed by a wild rush to sell, and in consequence of the violent and frequent fluctuations, prices slumped throughout the list.

Crowds of people swarmed the galleries to watch the curious and exciting scene, and the cries of brokers eager to get rid of their stocks were deafening.

Immense groups of stocks were flung upon the market, and thousands of orders to sell poured into the brokers from all parts of the country.

In the second hour, however, there was a slight rally, and the improvement continued to the close, when the price level was about completely restored.

Up to one o'clock 2,200,000 shares were traded in. Prominent in the collapse were steels and coppers, and large sums of money were lost and Swaine was within thirteen days of the completion of his sentence, and being well-conducted was employed in such light work as dusting the warders' rooms.

Mr. Lawson is elated, and promises further revelations.

ESCAPE FROM GAOL.

Prisoner's Daring Drop Down a Thirty
Foot Wall.

An extraordinarily daring escape has been made from Armley Gaol, Leeds, the great fortress-like prison from which on a memorable occasion Charles Peace managed to break loose.

A prisoner, named Arthur Swaine, was placed by a sympathetic magistrate in the second division, thus avoiding the necessity for wearing prison garb, and enabling him during his brief spell of freedom to pass unsuspected through the streets.

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TRAPDOOR SUGGESTS ESCAPE.

On Wednesday evening, when there were a number of visitors at the prison, he was sent by his warden, who was called upon to attend to one of the visitors, to the storeroom.

There Swaine discovered an old pair of leather reins, and seeing a trapdoor in the ceiling conceived the idea of escape.

He pushed open the trapdoor, and finding himself immediately under the roof, removed some slates, and after tying one of the ends of the reins to a beam, began to lower himself to the ground 30ft. below.

Before Swaine had gone many feet the reins snapped, and he fell. Nevertheless, the escape had been accomplished. Badly bruised and shaken, he made his way through the lodge-gates unseen in the darkness.

Going down the Armley-road, Swaine boldly entered the Albert Inn, where he informed the landlady that he had been knocked down by a cart.

Seeing his bruises the landlady and the customers in the house were very sympathetic, and suggested that Swaine should go to the infirmary.

UNSUSPECTING POLICEMAN.

In the meantime the escape of a prisoner from the gaol was made known all over the district, but no one in the inn suspected that Swaine was the missing man. At seven o'clock, two hours after his escape, Swaine was wheeled away on an ambulance to the infirmary.

Shortly after his departure a policeman called at the Albert Inn to take particulars of the accident. Even then the scent was not discovered.

Yesterday morning it occurred to the police that the injuries the prisoner probably sustained in his fall of nearly 30ft. would be very much like those of the man who called at the Albert Inn.

Inquiries were at once made, and in a short time Swaine was arrested again at the infirmary.

JAPAN JOINS PEACE CONFERENCE.

Mr. Hay was yesterday informed by Mr. Hioki, the Japanese Charge d'Affaires at Washington, that Japan would participate in the proposed Hague Peace Conference. The reservation is made that the present conflict shall not be affected by the rulings of the conference.

BOY'S TERRIBLE MISHAP.

While carrying a load of piping along the railway line near Hford yesterday a lad named Brewster was knocked down by a shunting engine. The engine passed over his legs, cutting off both his feet. Last night Brewster was reported to be in a very serious condition.

MURDERED QUEEN'S JEWELS

Sold by Auction in a London
Saleroom.

The terrible tragedy of Belgrade—the brutal assassination of the King and Queen of Serbia in 1903—was forcibly recalled to the large and fashionable company that gathered in Christie's famous sale-room yesterday afternoon.

For there the remaining effects of the ill-fated Queen Draga were sold by order of her Majesty's heirs.

The catalogue only contained seven lots, the item which possessed the most pathetic interest being the wedding dress of the unhappy Queen, a white pleated satin garment, most elaborately trimmed with valuable old Bruges lace.

But the bidding for this was slow, and opening at an offer of £20 no higher bid was made than £30.

A cabochon emerald and brilliant bracelet, with a large emerald and two fine brilliants in the centre, and smaller alternate emeralds and brilliants, aroused a murmur of admiration from the crowd of onlookers. It was presented to Queen Draga by Emperor Nicholas, its value being estimated at 500,000 francs. Despite this, the highest bid was £480.

Following this came the brilliant tatra worn at her Majesty's wedding, formed as a crest of ribbon and spray of foliage, with two fine large brilliants in the centre.

Though at first the bidding was slow, opening at £50, the dealers soon warmed to their work, and the precious lot eventually fell to the bid of £1,220. The other objects sold included a Persian order, worth £115; a Turkish order, for which £150 was given; and her Majesty's State costume, worn at all State receptions, was secured by a private buyer for £270. The total sum the seven lots realised was £2,335.

AMERICAN MADAME HUMBERT.

Mrs. Chadwick To Be Identified as the
Adventuress "De Vere."

The case of the American Mme. Humbert, Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, who was arrested on a charge of conspiracy to defraud, grows in interest daily.

According to Reuter witnesses in Ohio will swear that Mrs. Chadwick is identical with the well-known adventuress, "Lydia de Vere."

This woman was born at Woodstock in Canada, and at the age of sixteen was charged under the name of Lydia Bigley with forgery in her native place. On a plea of insanity an acquittal was obtained for her.

As Lydia de Vere she was well known in Toledo, Ohio, where she practised as a clairvoyant. In 1890 she was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment for obtaining £8,000 by forgery.

She served three-and-a-half years and was then released.

The charge now made against Chadwick is one of conspiracy with the president and cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of Oberlin to misapply 12,500 dollars of the deposited funds.

Yesterday she was declared by her doctor well enough to appear before the Commissioner.

The report that action is not to be taken in the matter of the notes for £250,000, bearing Mr. Carnegie's name, is now denied.

GLOOMY PROSPECT FOR TAXPAYERS.

Lord Welby, who was the chief guest at a house dinner at the National Liberal Club last night, took a gloomy view of the prospects of the next Budget.

Looking to the published heads of revenue, it seemed to him that the revenue of the year would fall short of the Budget estimate by four or five millions.

Instead of an expenditure of 113 millions, which our natural increase of revenue could have met, we had now an expenditure of 152 millions.

WEE KIRKERS SEIZE A CHURCH.

Forcible possession was taken of a church at Strathpeffer yesterday by the sheriff, acting on behalf of the Scotch Free Church, who claim the right of entry under the recent House of Lords decision.

The keys had been refused by the United Free Church minister, whereupon the sheriff's officers broke the church doors open with hammers. Cheers were raised as an entrance was effected, and the bell was subsequently rung for fifteen minutes.

Afterwards new locks were fixed on the doors and the entrances barricaded.

MR. ASQUITH IN PRAISE OF YORKSHIRE.

Speaking at the annual banquet of the Society of Yorkshiremen in London last night, Mr. Asquith said the Yorkshire had produced a crop of bold and politic spirits, men who knew how to build up and pull down, and who in every walk of life contributed in greater degree than the people of any other county in England to the making of history and the service of mankind.

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

M. Syveton, Who Assaulted
Gen. Andre, Asphyxiated.

PARIS SENSATION.

A telegram from Paris states that M. Syveton, who recently struck General Andre, accidentally asphyxiated in his own house yesterday afternoon.

At about one o'clock yesterday afternoon M. Syveton went into his study, as it was arranged that he should go out at three to see his lawyers.

Mme. Syveton, wondering perhaps at the delay, entered the room just before three o'clock, and found her husband in a lifeless state.

It is supposed that the Deputy went to sleep in his study without having noticed that there was an escape of gas.

Among the Deputies who called at M. Syveton's residence as soon as they heard of the tragic end which had overtaken their colleague were MM. Gauthier, de Clagny, Guyot, de Villeneuve, Ferretre, Binder, and Flayelle.

On the return to the Palais Bourbon these gentlemen stated that serious facts had come to their knowledge, the effect of which was to exclude the possibility of an accident, leaving only two hypotheses—that of suicide, which seemed to them improbable, and that of foul play.

MM. Ferretre and Binder in the course of a conversation supplied the following details on which their view of the case is based.

CHIMNEY STUFFED WITH PAPER.

The gas by which M. Syveton was asphyxiated escaped from a gas-stove in the fireplace of the study. The tap for turning on the gas was three-quarters open. The escape, however, would have been comparatively harmless if the chimney had not been completely closed up.

The metal trap which shuts off the chimney does not close the entrance entirely, a space being left between one side of the chimney and the edge of the trap to let the air pass through. This space was found to be hermetically closed, having been filled in with a newspaper in such a way that no fumes could pass up the chimney.

M. Ferretre pulled the paper out in the presence of the commissary of police, who was summoned to the house, and found that it was a copy of this morning's "Intransigent," and dated December 8, the "Intransigent" being always posted one day. The chimney had therefore not been closed up till yesterday, by whom and with what object it was done being still a mystery.

The two Deputies stated that they had not sufficient grounds to come to a positive conclusion in the matter, but they could not admit the theory of suicide.

The way in which M. Syveton met his death recalls the similar manner in which M. Zola lost his life, and nothing else was talked about in the lobbies of the Chamber yesterday afternoon.

PANIC AT ST. PETER'S.

Soldiers Called to Help Papal Guard
to Keep Order.

A panic, which at one stage looked alarming, occurred at St. Peter's, Rome, yesterday, while a vast congregation of 20,000 were attending the Pontifical Mass on the occasion of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

In consequence of the great rush for admission a number of Italian soldiers were brought into the Basilica to help the Papal Guard to maintain order.

Their presence spread alarm among the multitude, and for a few minutes fear and dread seized the people.

Seeing the unfamiliar uniforms in the building the cortege, which was entering the Basilica at the time, wavered and stopped, apparently fearing that an attack was about to be made upon the Pope.

The cause of the presence of the King's soldiers in the Basilica was happily soon made known, and the procession passed on to the throne.

The Mass then proceeded without any further incident.

The prophet Dowie has paid 60 per cent. of his debts, and asks for thirty days' grace wherein to complete the balance of £25,000, says Laffan's Chicago correspondent.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Owing to the great demand for advertisement space in the "Daily Mirror," we regret we are compelled to hold over several columns of advertisements from to-day's issue. These will appear as soon as possible.

\$50,000 FOR WIDOWS

Mr. Emerson Bainbridge
Makes an Offer.

NELSON TEA AFFAIR.

Emerson Bainbridge, formerly M.P. for Southborough, yesterday issued a letter to the widows and the 700,000 customers of Nelson's Pension Tea, saying that he would bank £50,000 to secure them from loss.

Mr. Bainbridge makes his offer conditionally, it being given on the understanding that five-sixths of the present customers continue to deal with the Nelson Tea Company.

Details of the Offer.

Mr. Bainbridge writes:—

"I am prepared for a period of five years (if I so long live) and to the extent of £50,000 to guarantee the whole of the widows now receiving pensions from Nelson and Co., Limited, that they receive back at least the whole of the extra price for tea paid by them to secure a pension during the whole time they have been customers.

"I will also guarantee the whole of the 700,000 customers (exclusive of widows) who are now buying the tea with a view to receiving pensions in case of widowhood, that they will receive back in the event of their becoming widows and being entitled to pensions) at least the whole of the extra price for tea paid by them to secure a pension since they have been customers of Nelson and Co.

"This guarantee is given on the understanding that five-sixths of the present customers continue their association with Nelson and Co., Limited.

A well-known actuary estimates that a reserve pension fund large enough to meet all possible claims would have to amount to £250,000,000. He also calculates that the payment of the present scale of pensions to between 16,000 and 20,000 widows represents an accumulated liability to meet which at least £4,046,000 would be required, and that the existing liabilities must amount to £10,000,000.

LADY HENRY SOMERSET'S VIEW.

Lady Somerset told the *Daily Mirror* last night that she had only just received the invitation to sit on the board of the Nelson Tea Pension Fund, and was not decided as to whether she should accept it.

VICTIM OF RELIGIOUS MANIA.

Revival Zealot Taken to Asylum for Window Breaking.

The fervour attending the religious revival in North Wales rivals that in the South.

Yesterday one of the converts at Gwyddelmen suddenly became demented while attending a funeral. He indulged in boisterous hymn-singing, and could not be persuaded to desist.

Going uninvited into a house he startled the occupants by saying it was Judgment Day. Next he drove round the district beseeching every person he met to get converted.

At the local post office, from no apparent cause the unfortunate man broke several windows, with the result that he had to be taken to Denbigh Asylum.

FROST AND SNOW.

Heavy Falls Reported from Many Places.

With little or no warning there has been a return of wintry weather throughout the kingdom.

In almost every part of the country falls of snow occurred yesterday in the early part of the day, to be succeeded, in most cases, by sunshine and a bright, clear sky—a typical winter's day of the most invigorating kind.

The frost was severest in the west of Scotland, where 16 degrees were registered. Roads are frost-bound, and the thickness of the ice is already raising the hopes of skaters and curlers.

In spite of the snow and sleet which fell during the morning, King Edward, who is visiting Lord and Lady Farquhar at Castle Rising, motored, with others of the house-party, to Roydon for pheasant shooting. A good bag was secured.

FARMER FROZEN TO DEATH.

Joseph Gourley, a farmer residing at Monkstown, Co. Antrim, was found yesterday by some school children on the roadside near his residence frozen to death. He had been to Belfast Fair with his horse and cart, and the first intimation to his relatives that something was wrong was the return of the animal with the empty cart. Death from exposure was the verdict returned at the inquest.

Mr. William Waldorf Astor has given £2,000 to a fund for starting Conservative clubs in Parliamentary divisions where at present none exists.

M.P. AND HIS FOOTMAN.

Member for Romford Charged
with Assault.

How the mark of a blow came to be on the face of his footman was the point which Mr. Louis Sinclair, M.P. for Romford, was invited to explain at Marylebone Police Court yesterday.

The M.P.'s explanation proved so satisfactory that Mr. Curtis Bennett dismissed the charge against Mr. Sinclair of having struck his footman in the face.

Mr. Frank Palmer, who prosecuted, said the footman had been in Mr. Sinclair's service about nine months, and on November 21 he and four servants who left complained of being insufficiently fed.

The footman gave his notice, but Mr. Sinclair asked him to stay and raised his wages.

Next day the gardener's wife, who had been called in to do the cooking, asked the footman to prepare some breakfast. He made a reply, on account of which Mr. Sinclair was alleged to have struck him two blows in the face, while Mrs. Sinclair called out, "Give him what a man like him ought to have."

Magistrate's Memory.

The result was dismissal, and the application for a summons against Mr. Sinclair while the "mark of the blow was still upon the footman's face."

Herbert Playford, the complainant, denied that he complained of not having eggs for breakfast; that he put the fire out by capsizing a saucepan of water over it; and that he used such language to Mrs. Sinclair, the customer's wife, as to make her weep and leave the kitchen. He also denied challenging the M.P. to fight.

Mr. Sinclair said that in consequence of a communication he received from his nurse he went to the footman in the pantry, and told him he had used such language that the woman who had come to the house in a spirit of kindness to help them in their difficulty had left the house in tears.

The footman thereupon offered to "take him on" outside, but shortly afterwards he apologised and, at his request, he (Mr. Sinclair) paid him the wages due to him, and gave him an extra 10s. to pay his fare to Folkestone.

In cross-examination, Mr. Sinclair said there was a quarrel between him and the complainant when he put him out, and there might have been a blow.

JUDGE AS MATCHMAKER.

Mr. Justice Darling Tries to Settle
Broken Love Match.

It is not often a lady appears as defendant in a breach of promise action, but yesterday, at the Leeds Assizes, Norman Gibbs, a solicitor's clerk, of the defendant, obtained £150 in damages against Miss Bertha Spencer, a farmer's daughter, the amount of his "out-of-pocket" courting expenses. The lady had nearly £10,000 in her own right.

Mr. Gibbs and Miss Bertha were at first secretly engaged, but they preyed on Mr. Gibbs's mind, so he wrote to the lady's father:—

"I find myself," he declared, "madly in love with Bertha, and she says she has a similar feeling towards me, and will marry me. Already people have begun to talk, and in justice to Bertha I want to shut their mouths."

But Mr. Spencer could not make up his mind. "Let me sleep on it," he said.

"He dallied," quoted Mr. Justice Darling, playfully, "with the golden chain, and gently put the question back."

Meanwhile Mr. Gibbs bought a ring, and furnished a house. The day drew near, but Miss Spencer grew more coy.

Finally she wrote: "I want it to end."

When Mr. Justice Darling heard that as late as last August the couple were on affectionate terms with one another he took a fatherly interest in the situation and invited Miss Gibbs into his private room to see whether it was even now too late to put things right.

Apparently it was, for after a while he returned to the court and said sadly the case must go on.

Finally judgment was entered by consent for £150.

HON. J. WARD—APPENDICITIS OPERATION.

An operation on the Hon. John Ward, one of the King's equerries, was successfully performed at Sir Frederick Treves's house in Welbeck-street yesterday. The operation, which was for appendicitis, was, at the request of his Majesty, performed personally by Sir Frederick, who had associated with him Sir William Bennett.

"POCKET-MONEY EARNING GIRLS."

In a strongly-worded resolution the London Trades Council last night condemned the L.C.C. policy of teaching girls in its technical education classes work hitherto performed by men. Such work would lower instead of raise the standard of skilled labour.

At the Royal Female School of Art, Bloomsbury, it was said, the bookbinding and jewellery crafts were being taught to girls who only wanted to earn "a little pocket-money."

It is feared that the price of sugar will go still higher, though the present price will remain probably for the rest of the season.

MR. HOOLEY IN THE BOX.

Examined as to His Dealings with
Mr. Paine.

The interest in the Hooley-Lawson trial was added to yesterday by the fact that Mr. Hooley himself took his place in the witness-box for examination.

The Judge said he would not stop the case on the first two counts, relating to conspiracy to defraud Paine and others, and then Mr. Hooley stepped into the witness-box.

He had before him a pile of notes and papers, and he drew himself up stiffly for the long examination before him, answering all the questions of his counsel in a subdued but masterful voice.

With emphasis Mr. Hooley told Mr. Avory, K.C., who conducted the examination, that the responsibility of the sale of the shares to Mr. Paine, the prosecutor, was Lawson's and not his.

"I told Paine all that Lawson told me and nothing else," he protested.

Mr. Avory: Did you tell Mr. Paine anything you did not think was true?—No, not at any time.

Mr. Avory: Did Lawson know you had any dealings with Paine?

"Certainly not," replied witness. "There was no agreement between Lawson and myself."

Paine had great faith in the Construction Company, and thought it was even better than the Siberian Goldfields—(laughter)—and said he would "put his black cat on it."

The Solicitor-General: The black cat. What is that?

Mr. Hooley: He said his black cat was a man from whom he got all his reliable information. (Laughter.)

The examination was not completed when the Court rose.

MAN AND DEVIL-FISH.

Kanaka Bites the Eyes Out of an
Immense Octopus.

An extraordinary conflict between a man and an octopus occurred when the steamer Mauna Loa called at Waha, an island not far from Hawaii, writes our Queenstown correspondent.

The man was a Kanaka seaman, who, seeing the octopus alongside, jumped overboard and gave battle.

Immediately the devilish creature stretched out its long tentacles and gripped the nearly naked man in a deadly embrace. The only weapons left to the Kanaka were his teeth.

He bit at the big, protruding eyes of the cephalopod, holding his breath as often as it drew him beneath the surface.

After a protracted struggle he succeeded in wounding the sea monster in this most vulnerable spot, and finally disabled it. When hauled on deck it measured 15ft. across.

PEERESS' CONCERT TOUR.

Countess of Limerick to Play in
Public.

A peeress of Great Britain will, for the sake of money, shortly be appearing on the platform during a concert tour in the United States.

The Countess of Limerick, the lady who is taking this unusual step, is a beautiful and popular Irishwoman, well-known, not only for her great musical talent, but for the great interest she takes in philanthropic work.

The money which is raised by this tour will be devoted to the support of the building and endowment of a college of music in Dublin, which, it is hoped, will bring music into the homes of the people and train gifted Irish folk for the musical profession.

The tour is to start in February, and will last three months, and when not playing at concerts Lady Limerick will, it is understood, accept engagements to play in private houses.

A photograph of the Countess is reproduced on page 9.

VANISHING CATTLE.

Nine Survivors of Chartley Wild Herd
Offered by Auction.

More in jest than earnest, £100 was offered yesterday for the surviving nine famous Chartley wild cattle, which were submitted for public auction by Messrs. Walton and Lee, of Mount-street. The auctioneer said he would take £1,000 at an opening bid, though the reserve price was considerably in excess of that sum.

Subsequently he was approached by two or three probable purchasers, and it is hoped that the valuable herd will be sold privately.

What is now wanted to save the stock, says Professor Robert Wallace, is the introduction of fresh blood, and the rearing of new-born calves by foster mothers.

Mr. Paul Taylor, at Southwark, yesterday, made an order for the destruction of a quantity of soles seized in Tower Bridge-road, which were marked for sale at 2d. a pair.

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RELIGIOUS DANCERS.

They Give the "Burning Bush
Waltz" in Camberwell.

Two thousand curious people assembled at the Camberwell Baths last night to hear Mrs. Kent-White teach her new dancing religion, which she and her husband and a company of girl dancers have brought from Denver City, U.S.A., for the conversion of England.

Police were on the spot ready to deal with the "boobers" who had gained admission to the auditorium, and the attendants did some weeding-out before the revivalists danced their "Burning Bush Waltz" and the "Pillar of Fire Polka."

No collection was taken, but copies of the hymns sung at the service were sold to the audience, and the clinking of pence went on merrily for ten minutes.

Mrs. White cast a spell over the aggressive element in the building when they showed a disposition to create a disturbance by telling them stories of murderers who had been converted.

The audience listened to her vivid word-pictures of "a minister's crime of murder," and how he became a penitent at one of their meetings and confessed all before he was allowed to become a member of their Church. Thieves by the dozen had been converted at their meetings in the Western States, and if a thief had the courage to come to their penitent stool he must not only make his peace with himself, but go to the man he had wronged and own up his crimes, even if prison followed the confession. That was why they could dance for joy. It was not a fleshly dance of the world, and sexes did not dance together in the "Pillar of Fire" and "Burning Bush" movement.

When male and female were partners dancing was sinful.

It was emphasised again and again by the speakers that "you cannot dance the holy dance if you feed like hogs and lust after things of this world."

"Converts would not be welcome in the 'Pillar of Fire' Church, if they owned billions of dollars, unless they first admitted they would dance for joy and confess their crimes to some holy man or woman."

SALE OF MR. SIEVIER'S JEWELS.

Magnificent Collection Realises £8,000
—Some Beautiful Pearls.

It was an open secret that the "family jewels" sold at Christie's rooms yesterday were the property of Mr. Robert Sievier, and this probably accounted for the large attendance.

The magnificent jewels realised some very high prices.

The highest price was £250, given for a magnificent necklace formed of five rows of white Oriental pearls.

£505 was given for a superb trefail brooch composed of three large sapphires and a cluster of brilliants and £300 for a necklace of five clusters of pearls and thirty-nine pear-shaped pendant pearls.

The dressing-bag, said to have been mounted with over 100oz. of gold, failed to produce a higher bid than £140; and the gold waist-belt formed of fourteen 100-franc gold pieces, weighing 18oz. 5dwts., went for £65.

In all, the sale which consisted of 142 lots, produced over £6,000. Photographs of some of the jewels are reproduced on page 8.

ESSEX EJECTS ALIEN GIPSIES.

The Macedonian gipsies, who were driven by the Hertfordshire police into Essex on Wednesday, were yesterday escorted over the Cambridgeshire border.

A number of heavy cart-horses were harnessed to the caravans, and quickly took the unwelcome guests out of the county.

RUSSIA-IN-ENGLAND.

How Aliens Are Ousting English.

STARVATION WAGES.

The alien question grows in importance every hour.

Every indigent alien who lands in the country represents another step in the ladder of the complete pauperisation of the East End, and another Englishman driven from his work by undercut pay, and from his home by overcrowding.

Meanwhile, in the existing state of the law, our own people are helpless and the authorities cannot assist them.

The "Russia-in-England" colony, as it is called, grows apace. Though 600 of the Russian reservists who have fled to this country rather than serve in the war left Euston and Paddington yesterday for Liverpool on their way to America, others are arriving at the rate of nearly two hundred a day. The Jews of the East End are taxed to their utmost to provide for them.

Major Evans-Gordon, the member for Stepney, and the acknowledged authority on the question, spoke yesterday to the *Daily Mirror* on the subject. "The present situation raises new issues," he said, "but it is clear that if the Russian Government does not want these people neither do we."

Co-Religionists in a Quandary.

"The Jews who deal with the influx of their co-religionists in the East End do not know what to do with them. They are overloaded. So, in truth, are we."

"Aliens are absolutely thrusting our own people out of their homes. Legislation is imperative before the scandal has grown beyond control." The opinion of Mr. W. Haldane Porter, who knows the alien question and the conditions of life and livelihood in the East End thoroughly, was equally emphatic.

"Freedom with a big F," he said to the *Daily Mirror*, "is killing the country. If legislation does not come soon no Conservative M.P. will be able to show his face in the East End at the next election."

"The alien colony has now overflowed into Haggerston, where Brunswick-street and two other streets have now become impossible to decent people."

"It is easily done. The rents are raised. The Englishman goes. The aliens come in, overcrowd, and pay."

Englishmen Driven to the Workhouse.

"There are able-bodied men in the workhouses now, who are there for no other reason than their inability to work at the starvation wages the aliens take."

Some of the aliens, of course, work for themselves. In one house, I know of, there is a room with two beds in it that are never cold. Four men sleep and work there in the daytime, and another four at night."

"Boot making is done at wages no Englishman could take and keep body and soul together. The result is a product called 'poultices,' cheap boots made of soft, pappy material that draws the feet like so much linseed. You can buy a pair of so-called slippers for fourteen pence."

"To give you an idea of the number of aliens in the East End, in one factory alone there are 2,000 Polish Jews employed. At the lunch hour passers-by might think they were in Poland."

At the Mansion House police court yesterday Alderman Sir Horatio Davies said it was rather hard that in addition to having to keep many aliens, the country should have to pay for prosecuting them.

"These aliens have gradually ruined our trade for fifteen years," said a juror at Stepney.

Death through heart failure was the inquest verdict on Pinkus Melnik, a Russian Pole, who had come to England because he "did not want to serve in the Russian army."

THIEF'S LONG BICYCLE RIDE.

Having stolen a bicycle from the house where he was lodging at Dover, a young man, named Samuel Charity, rode on it to Nottingham, where he was arrested.

At Dover yesterday he was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

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HER SISTER'S GOOD NAME.

Astounding Story of 40 Years' Self-Abnegation.

An almost unparalleled story of forty years' self-renunciation was yesterday unfolded before the Westminster Bench by a grey-headed old woman of seventy. Forty-two years ago she married at Manchester a man named Frederick William Chaddock. Three years after the marriage she was deserted by her husband, who went off to London with her unmarried sister.

For some years she lost sight of the pair, maintaining herself as a nurse and attendant. Then she found that he was carrying on business as a farrier in Dorset-road, Lambeth, under the name of Ash.

He was still living with her sister, by whom he had a large family.

Respect for her sister's reputation and that of the innocent children closed her lips and kept them closed through many years of unmerited hardship.

When illness and advancing age compelled her to apply to her husband for help she was penned in a wretched garret at the top of his house and forced to eat any food that might be given to her.

This unbearable life she exchanged for the shelter of St. Peter's Home, Lambeth, where she remained for ten years, receiving from her sister the wretched pittance of two shillings a month.

She was now forced to sue her husband for maintenance, as the authorities at the home expected him to support her.

Mr. Francis brushed aside a plea of condonation raised by the defendant, and made an order of 10s. a week, with 43 7s. costs.

MERRY MILLINERS.

Workroom Songs Make Life a Misery for Employers.

Miss Lucy Florence May, a pretty girl of seventeen, was told at Lambeth County Court, yesterday, that it is necessary to restrict light-heartedness among milliners' assistants during business hours.

She was unsuccessful in an action to recover 16s. from Mrs. Kate Hanby, trading as Madame Foster, milliner, who, after giving her a fortnight's notice at the end of the season, dismissed her a few days later without any payment.

Mrs. Hanby stated that after the plaintiff and other girls received notice they made her life a misery by singing and shouting in the workroom.

ARSENIC MYSTERY.

St. Helens Woman on Trial for Child Murder.

The trial commenced at Liverpool Assizes yesterday of the sensational poisoning charge against Ellen Burdred, the wife of a St. Helens collier. The woman is alleged to have administered arsenic to her adopted child, Sarah Ann Jones, aged fifteen, whom she insured for sums of £10 and £20.

Evidence was given that the woman made an unsuccessful attempt in May last to procure arsenic at works where it is used in the manufacture of glass. In July the girl Jones became ill after dinner one day, and subsequently died from gastritis, as it was thought.

Later the body was exhumed and arsenical crystals were found in such quantity as to show that death was due to poison in this form.

SPLENDID PAUPERS

Chairs Sold from a Poorhouse at £54 for Eight.

At a sale of Glasgow City Poorhouse furniture yesterday it was discovered that the recently vacated pauper institution had placed on the market a magnificent collection of antique furniture once in use within its walls.

Nearly sixty antique chairs, handsomely carved, eight of which went at £54, were on view, and Pembroke tables and inlaid escrutoires were numerous, the prices generally being very high.

The articles had been in use in the poorhouse for many years, but were in a remarkably fine state of preservation.

SOLDIERS' DEGRADATION.

Two ex-soldiers, who had exceptional records while in the Army, were sentenced at Clerkenwell Sessions yesterday.

A pensioned colour-sergeant of the Scots Guards, named Richard James Robinson, whose duties, according to his colonel, Prince Francis of Teck, were carried out with "zeal, fairness, and discretion," was ordered six months in the second division for obtaining money by false pretences.

Two years' hard labour were awarded John Ronald Johnson, ex-sergeant of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, who behaved with great gallantry and was severely wounded at Tel-Kebir. He had fraudulently obtained money in connection with South African remounts, and there were previous convictions against him.

FAIR WITNESS IN TEARS.

Mrs. Wright's Passionate Love for Her Children.

Mrs. Dora Wright and Mr. Egidio Pico, who are charged with misconduct by Mrs. Wright's husband, both denied the imputations against them in the Divorce Court yesterday, when the Wright case was once more adjourned.

During her cross-examination Mrs. Wright broke down, and burst into tears.

Mr. Lawson Walton had been obliged to put questions to her about her children. "I love them passionately," she said, her voice broken by sobs.

The co-respondent proved to be a very vivacious witness. He looks more like a young English squire than an Italian undergraduate of Lusanne University, but his manner is distinctly Southern.

"I am not a gardener," he said—in Italian, for he spoke through an interpreter—when asked about the summer-house where, it is alleged, he flirted with Mrs. Wright.

Taking the Court into his confidence he said that he did not tell his father, a chemical doctor, where he was in vacation time because his father expected him to stay at Lausanne studying.

"When does evening end and night begin?" he was asked apropos of hotel garden strolling with ladies. The strolling took place in the evening.

Mr. Pico: Night begins at twelve o'clock. (Loud laughter.)

"DEATH-TRAP" BOOTS.

Anti-Cardboard Reformer Awarded £750 for Libel.

Seven hundred and fifty pounds were awarded in the King's Bench Division yesterday to Mr. William Soper for a libel concerning him which appeared in the "Boot and Shoe Trades Journal." The defendant in the action was the editor, Mr. Randall.

At the time Mr. Soper was engaged in an agitation for a standard mark in order to put down the use of cardboard in the manufacture of boots, the journal in question published a statement to the effect that he himself was knowingly disposing of "cardboard" boots to a confiding public.

FICTITIOUS FORTUNES.

Woman Who Falsely Claimed To Be the Friend of Mr. Justice Wills.

The dishonourable devices of Caroline Palmer, who was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour at Clerkenwell, yesterday, might have been considered too palpable to deceive anybody.

Her various pleas for charity were that she was an heiress to £18,000, a friend of Mr. Justice Wills, who had promised payment from Chancery funds, and that she owned a public-house near the Brompton Oratory.

Miss Wills, a lady who advanced her money and board and lodgings, said she received a letter purporting to come from Mr. Justice Wills, from his club in Old Ford-road, Bow.

Even the statement that arrangements were being made in Chancery for handing over to her a fortune of £25,000,000 deceived some people who gave her money.

MADE HIS MOTHER A BEGGAR.

Fraudulent Insurance Agent Robs His Own Family.

At Bristol Assizes yesterday, Francis William Griffin, a well-known figure in religious circles at Bristol, pleaded guilty to forgery.

He defrauded various people of sums amounting to £200. He also left England within four months of his bankruptcy with £40 belonging to his creditors.

Succeeding to an insurance business founded by his father, Griffin carried on systematic frauds, and ultimately fled to Chicago. His affairs showed a deficiency of £13,000.

His own relatives have suffered severely, his mother and sister, who have lost their all, being brought to beggary through him.

Mr. Justice Wills postponed sentence.

372 UNSOUND CARCASSES.

On a charge of having on his premises, at Salmon's-lane, Limehouse, ten sheep which were unfit for food, William S. Harris, butcher, was summoned at the Thames Police Court yesterday. Thomas Blake Frost, trading as Brewster and Frost, of the Central Meat Market, was summoned for selling the sheep to Harris.

The prosecution stated that, lying to the order of Frost, at the Cold Air Stores in Clerkenwell, unsound carcasses to the number of 372 were found and condemned.

The summons against Harris was dismissed, and that against Frost adjourned.

RUINED BY GAS-STOVES.

A Brixton chimney-sweep told the Lambeth County Court Judge yesterday that his trade had been ruined by the introduction of gas stoves.

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SOCIETY WITHOUT MONEY.

Heavy Losses on Agricultural Shows Exhaust All Reserve Funds.

It is possible that the Royal Agricultural Society will give no show next year.

At the general meeting held at 20, Hanover-square, yesterday, when Lord Middleton was in the chair, and Prince Christian among those present, the report stated that the society had lost £26,920 by the show held last June.

This, added to previous heavy losses, had quite exhausted the society's reserve fund. It had been decided to appeal for £10,000 to enable the society to hold a show next year, but so far only £4,471 had been promised.

The council was of opinion that the sale of the Park Royal Estate should not be forced upon them at present, and that the final decision about next year's show should be left until January.

The president strongly supported the view that unless at least £10,000 was guaranteed no show should be held next year, and the report was carried unanimously.

WIFE STRANGLER RESPITED.

John Tom Burnett, a naval pensioner, who was sentenced to death at the recent Hampshire Assizes for strangling his wife at Portsmouth, has been respited.

Sir John Cheyne will act as arbiter in the Scottish Church dispute pending the report of the Royal Commission.

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BRIEF FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY.

ANT-NESTS AS GIFTS.

Scientific Toy for Children of Smart People.

The latest craze taken up by smart people is a study from nature in the shape of a nest of amber-coloured meadow ants called the "Lubbock Formicarium," after Lord Avebury. The nest is made in a small cabinet about 10in. square and 5in. in depth.

Through the glass cover one can see the wonderful movements and workings of these industrious insects.

From the entrance the ants construct a passage which opens into the main chamber, and from thence three main roads lead to the inner sanctum, in the centre of which are three pillars to support the roof. At the rear of the sanctum are the nursing chambers, where the young are kept to protect them from all harm.

The ants breed their own cows, which are pastured and milked by the workers. With the aid of a magnifying glass the cow (aphides) can be plainly seen embedded in a mound of earth, from whence the head projects, and it is never allowed to roam about like the others.

Groups of ants stand around in the main chamber, as if discussing the news of the day, others walk steadily along the main highway with their burdens, while another portion are busily engaged with the baby ants in the inner sanctum. No city on earth could show a continuous movement in its streets.

The nests were shown at Messrs. Gamage's bazaar, in Holborn, yesterday afternoon, and attracted a great deal of attention. The gentleman who brought the ants up from Worcester said that with ordinary care the nest would last for many years, and the ants only required feeding about four times a year. About April it would be necessary to pour in a teaspoonful of water and a little honey on the point of a penknife.

Temperature does not affect the ants under the glass cover, and they can be seen working by artificial light as well as daylight.

The nests are in great demand as Christmas presents for children, owing to the wonderful living object-lesson they exhibit, and society people have had to study up all about ants in order to explain it to the youngsters.

Naturalists are being inundated with invitations to afternoon teas, and postscripts at the bottom of the notes read, "Please bring all the pictures and stories you have about ants."

THE CITY.

American Uncertainties Depress Markets—Home Rails Improve on Good Board of Trade Returns.

CAPITAL COURT, Thursday Evening.—Holiday influences are approaching, and so is the Settlement, for Saturday is the preliminary carry-over in miles. Idle markets are the result. But the uncertainties about the American market situation seemed to be a depressing influence nearly all round. Consols fell 1/8, and had a further lower. Here there is the £2,600,000 Natal Three-and-a-Half per Cent. stock at 95 as a wet blanket.

The Good Board of Trade returns had quite a cheering effect on Home Rails, not that such business was brought in, but for all that the market was better. Stocks like North-Westerns, Great Westerns, and other trade lines were inclined to improve.

In the American section the attacks being made in New York on Amalgamated Copper still caused depression. There was even a little gossip about whether the setback in Americans might not cause Settlement troubles. There were attempts to rally the market, but New York proved a seller in the afternoon, and so good resolutions had little weight and shares were thrown overboard and the market became very slack. There was a sharp recovery in the Street.

Canadian Rails naturally sympathized with the weakness of Americans. But Grand Trunk dealers who were to be denied, and sold at a loss of £7,000 traffic increase on Saturday next. In the Argentine group there was not much to notice, but in the Mexican group the Mexican Railways authorities gave some details about the recent land-slide, which is no longer hampering traffic, and the Intercontinental Company sent an even more satisfactory circular, which was to the effect that the traffic agreement between the companies for pooling is extended to December 31, and there is hope of further extension. Sag Paulos were a good feature among Brazilian Rails, at 17 1/2.

Japanese Dull.

The copper uncertainties and the depression of the metal had a bad effect on Rio Tintos, and Anacondas were also weak at 41 and 5 respectively, rallying little. Profit-taking in Portuguese was seen. The South African situation was a little better, but not much. The London market was unusually quiet, Japanese were dull, in spite of the Port Arthur situation, and the Japanese Government bond market was not much better. The Japanese President Roosevelt in the matter of their debt settlement.

A decided fall in gas again given. Gas stocks. Gas Light is 94 1/2, Commercial 113, and the reason, no doubt, the interest in the Gas Exhibition. The interest in meat shares seems to be slackening, but cattle keep a good price. Offering of Hudson's Bays was partly profit-taking, induced by the weakness of American and Canadian Rails.

There is not nearly so much doing in the Kafr market. The public is quiet, the professionals are profit-taking, and prices are lower. But there is a rumour that there was a new company to consider, and the Rhodesian Hill property, with its big capital, came to market, and the insiders, of course, in the premium on the shares, calling them in fact a premium. But the particulars about the company were beggarly in the extreme. There is no prospect apparently of anything. Somerset House, the directors are thus committed to nothing except a market gamble in the shares. It is most unsatisfactory, but happily the public is somewhat shy of these speculative undertakings. West Africans were rather dull, though a little inclined to pick up at the finish. The Biblical crushing was liked, and the Ashanti Goldfields report was a disappointment. Some of the Somerset House, with selling of Cosmopolitans and Perseverances. British Columbians were also easier. The final batch of letters of allotment and regret for Debentures and Preference shares in Pettigrew and Stephens, Limited, have been posted.

The Bill for the mono-railway to Brighton is not to be proceeded with next session.

Next summer a service of electric passenger boats is to run from Blackpool.

Mr. Albert E. Reed, of Streatham, a Wesleyan, will contest the Wandsworth Division against Sir Henry Kimber, M.P., at the next election.

Professor Arthur Robinson, of King's College, London, has been appointed to the Chair of Anatomy at the University of Birmingham, in succession to Professor B. C. A. Windle, now President of Queen's College, Cork.

SAVINGS OF THE WATER BOARD.

The special arbitration committee of the Metropolitan Water Board have drawn up a report on the arbitration proceedings which have been in progress during the past eighteen months in connection with the acquisition of the undertakings of the water companies.

The approximate annual saving to the ratepayers consequent upon the acquisition of the water undertakings is estimated at £94,822, but, as the awards have been based on anticipations of future additional profits, if those expectations are realised the profit which will accrue to the ratepayers will proportionately increase.

HOSPITAL LETTERS ABUSED.

At a meeting of the governors of the London Hospital yesterday the Hon. Sydney Holland gave reasons why the house committee had decided to stop the letters for admission to the hospital.

These, they found, had been much abused, and the matter amounted to a scandal, as the letters had been sold and given only to those who dealt at certain shops.

On that account the committee thought that the proper passport to the hospital was the answer to the question, "Are you ill, are you sick, are you poor, and can we help you?"

ECCENTRIC PHILANTHROPIST DEAD.

As the result of a fall whereby several of his ribs were broken, the death took place yesterday at Whitwick, Leicestershire, of the Rev. Father Dunn, a retired Catholic priest, aged seventy-two.

Being very wealthy he was generous to the poor, but occasionally his philanthropy took an eccentric turn.

Once he refused a charitable appeal, but gave the applicant a letter not to be opened until he got home. When opened the envelope was found to contain a cheque for several hundred pounds.

TONTINE'S LONG LIFE.

When Mrs. Mary Ann Maillard, who has just died at Cambdon House, Kenilworth, at the age of ninety-two, was an infant in arms she was nominated by her father to represent his interest of £100 in the tontine formed to build Boston Town Bridge.

She has long survived the other ninety-nine nominees for £100 each, and for many years the executors of the late Mr. S. H. Jebb, who bought the interest, have received the whole £700 interest. Boston Town is by her death now relieved of any further payment on the bridge.

TO INTEREST THREE-TOWNSMEN.

Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport are called "the Three Towns" by west-countrymen.

The natives of them in London will hold their seventh annual dinner at the Holborn Restaurant to-morrow. Lord Monkswell will preside.

Further particulars from the secretary, Mr. W. H. Smart, 30, Amcotts-road, Peckham Rye.

HUGE TRAMWAY TAKINGS.

The traffic returns of the L.C.C. tramways for the week ending November 28 were published yesterday, showing that the receipts were £1,177, making the total receipts from April 1 to November 26 £440,811.

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£60,000 with which to help its candidates, who
already number about twenty.

In several constituencies the question of bringing
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railway or other carriers delivery is made to any
address without any extra charge whatever.

AUNT'S QUEER CASE.

The case of the ex-soldier who married his aunt,
and was twice convicted at St. Albans for desert-
ing his "wife" and family, still remains a puzzle.

While he is engaged in claiming compensation
from the guardians for the loss of his pension,
caused by their proceedings, the guardians are
taking counsel's opinion as to whether they can
proceed against him for the maintenance of his aunt
and six children, who are at present in the work-
house and chargeable to the rates.

At the Quarter Sessions it was held that he was
not liable, as the marriage was not legal.

LONDON'S RAIN BATH.

The bald statement that the rainfall in London
during twenty-four hours this week had amounted
to 1.06in. conveys but little idea to the ordinary
mind of the vast quantity of water that really had
fallen within the metropolis.

A correspondent computes that, taking the area
of London as 74,839 acres, such a rainfall would
amount altogether to 287,965,504 cubic feet; enough
to fill a cube having a side of 660ft., or more than
one and a half times the height of St. Paul's
Cathedral.

The total weight of this quantity of water is the
amazing amount of 8,011,515 tons.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY GIFTS.

At a meeting of the Council of Birmingham
University Mr. Richard Payton offered to contri-
bute £10,000 for the endowment of a Chair of
Music, the only conditions being that it should be
the first instance be offered to and accepted by Sir
Edward Elgar.

Sir John Holder offered £10,000 towards a fund
for providing the necessary instruction which will
be supplemental to the establishment of the Chair
of Music.

Under the will of Mr. Francis McClean the
University has received £5,000 to be used in the
physical-research department.

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NEEDLESS VIOLENCE.

WE have no burning wish ourselves to join the "Pentecostal Dancers" at Camberwell. We are content to worship along accustomed lines. We do not feel that religion would be made a more real thing to us if we lifted up our coat-tails by the tips of our fingers and performed a Highland fling on a public platform.

At the same time, there seems to be no reason for Camberwell to treat the Dancers as if they were either irreverent or outrageous. If they can make converts, they will provide them with a pastime which is both harmless and exhilarating. They may attract people for whom other forms of exercise—religious or otherwise—have no charm. They may substitute dancing for many less desirable occupations.

It is better that a man should dance than beat his wife, for example—better for the muscles as well as for the wife. And there is always the danger that an attack upon what seem to many people to be mere antics may hinder the progress of a movement destined to develop upon very useful lines.

Remember the early days of the Salvation Army, when Professor Huxley nicknamed General Booth's followers "Corybantic Christians." No one had a good word for the men in the red jerseys and the girls in the pokebonnets then. Their drum-beatings were certainly rather a trial, and when a procession, headed by warriors walking backwards, stopped the traffic in the Strand, there was some justifiable, as well as much unnecessarily unkind, complaint.

Nowadays the Salvation Army is generally admitted to be the greatest spiritual and one of the greatest philanthropic agencies of our time. It has dropped its eccentricities. They have served their purpose. They drew attention to the General's aims—attention which would probably have failed to secure by any other means. In these days the Army requires no such advertisement.

Inherently there is nothing more strange in dancing as a religious exercise than in beating tambourines or singing hymns to popular music-hall tunes. The Dancers' movement may be a mere flash in the pan. If so, it will soon flicker out of itself. There is no need, in any case, to blow out a weakly flame which might possibly, for all we know, be the beginning of a fine fire.

REFUGE OR PRISON?

It is a sad picture that Dr. Jonathan Hutchinson draws in the "Times" of the leper-colony on Robben Island. Within an hour's sail of Cape Town, this island is used as a refuge, or, as Dr. Hutchinson calls it, a prison, for all persons in Cape Colony upon whom are detected any symptoms of leprosy. Once there, their chance of getting away is very small. They are cut off from the world for the rest of their life.

The object of the letter from this famous doctor, who has made leprosy his special study, is to induce Cape Colony to abolish this terrible settlement of affliction. If, as he contends, leprosy is not, speaking generally, contagious, there is something to be said for his view. But the world will have to be very sure of this before it consents to allow the victims of this frightful disease to pass and traffic freely among their fellows.

He himself admits that leprosy may be transferred by food which has been in a leper's hands. That, of itself, gravely weakens his theory of its non-contagiousness. Until more is known about the causes and conditions of the scourge, it would, it seems to us, be unwise to make the change demanded. It is hard, no doubt, upon the sufferers, but they are suffering in the interests of humanity at large.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

What so pleasant as to be reading a book through a long winter evening, with a friend sitting by—say, a wife—her, or she, too, reading another, without interruption or oral communication? Can there be no sympathy without the gabble of words?—Charles Lamb.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE appointment of Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont to be one of the Commissioners to inquire into the North Sea outrage was, for those who knew him, almost a foregone conclusion. Admiral Beaumont is, for one thing, an Englishman who speaks French perfectly. He is also well experienced in diplomatic work; the man of argument and the man of action are both suggested by his face and manner—his neatly trimmed beard, clear-cut features, and bright, resolute eyes. Admiral Beaumont won his position very rapidly.

He was less than ten years a lieutenant, and a "sub" only for eleven months.

The world of books is much interested in the announced engagement of Miss Ethel Clifford to a son of the late Mr. Ashton Dilke. Miss Clifford is herself a poet of charming gifts, and her mother, Mrs. W. K. Clifford, is one of our most interesting novelists, as her father was in his day one of the most active-minded scientific men of the age. Miss Clifford is tall and has beautiful eyes, which betray the fact that she is a poet at once.

Another interesting engagement is that just announced between Dorothy, Lady Cantelupe, and Captain Jeffreys, of the Grenadier Guards. Lady Cantelupe is well known as a keen sportswoman. She is especially fond of hockey, and is often to be seen on the ice at Prince's, for she is also an excellent skater. But she is too busy with her charitable work to give very much time to these delights. She is the guiding spirit of the Goodwill Outfitting Society for poor girls, who are enabled by it to obtain fair wages and a healthy room to work in. She supplies the society with most of its designs herself.

Her first husband, Lord Cantelupe, met with a tragic death in the very year of the marriage. He was drowned while cruising in his yacht off the coast of Scotland. The title is one of Lord De la Warr's, and used to be taken by the eldest son of that house, but the present peer's heir is known as Lord Buckhurst. Lady Cantelupe is a very pretty woman, with a graceful figure and a nice taste in old furniture and curios of many a kind.

Not to have had appendicitis nowadays is to have been extraordinarily lucky. Since King Edward set the example many of his most distinguished subjects have been attacked by this complaint, which nobody had heard of ten years ago. Its latest victim is Mr. John Ward, one of the King's youngest but most trusted equerries. Mr. John Ward is only thirty-four, but has had many varied experiences. He served with the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa, and was given the awkward and troublesome duties of press censor to perform. He is a good-looking and spirited young man, and everybody hopes he will recover rapidly.

Mr. Ward's mother, Georgiana, Countess of Dudley, has had long periods of anxiety to go through in connection with the health of her sons. One of them died not long ago from this very complaint. Lady Dudley is renowned for her beauty and kindness. She is never tired of sympathising practically, not merely by words and protestation, with poverty and suffering. She is immensely popular in the Midlands, where her husband owned huge collieries. She used often to visit the iron-works and stand amongst the roar of furnaces and the hammering machinery watching the men at work.

Mr. W. S. Gilbert is already the proprietor of one London theatre, and now he is to build another for Mr. Cyril Maude, as he did the Garrick for Mr. Hare a good many years ago. A lay case not long since let out the fact that it had been a very profitable speculation. Very often the original owner of a theatre is the only man who ever makes any money out of it. He gets his rent whether the pieces produced succeed or fail. He only loses when it stands empty for a long time.

Which of our leading duchesses can point to the largest number of descendants? There has recently been a dispute on the point. Lord Claud Hamilton has pointed out that his mother, the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, comes easily first, with no fewer than ten children of her own, sixty grandchildren, and eighty-eight great-grandchildren! The Duchess sometimes assembles these numerous descendants at Coates Castle in Sussex, where she lives, and she likes to be photographed sitting in the midst of them.

Musical comedies are now invading even the "legitimate" theatres, and Wyndham's is to be devoted to this interest as soon as "A Wife Without a Smile" comes off. One cannot regret this, however, when one hears that delightful Miss Marie Dainton is to have a fine part in the play which Mr. Charles Hamilton will produce there at Christmas. Miss Dainton began her career at the absurd age of twelve, and actually played "principal boy" somewhere at fifteen. Her immense success in America and England has not spoiled her a bit. She is quite unaffected, a keen athlete, and her only eccentricity is a tame rat, which she loves dearly, and which bears the grave and decorous name of Luke.

Like Miss Jessie Loftus, who won popularity by her clever imitations of well-known "stars," The Americans could never have enough of these. She became the rage in New York, and Miss Dainton has as much as she could do to deal with the crowds of interviewers. One of these told her that an automobile accident in New York was absolutely necessary as a "boom" for her. He offered to manage the accident cheaply. Miss Dainton refused to tempt fate in so reckless a fashion, but all the same the account of the accident was published, in spite of her!

IN MY GARDEN THIS MORNING.

DECEMBER 9.—Rhododendrons may still be planted in mild weather. It is a mistake to think they will only grow in peat, though no doubt they flower best in it. Any good garden soil will do, but it must not contain lime or chalk. If grown in peat lilies flourish placed among them.

Heather also likes this soil, making a pretty edging to a rhododendron bed.

The common yellow broom should be more seen in small gardens. It can be planted now, and every May will be a mass of bright yellow blossoms. There is a pretty white variety. E. F. T.

THEY WOULD HELP HIM GLADLY IF THEY COULD!



THE DEFENDER OF PORT ARTHUR: Can't either of you fellows come and help me? He's tying me up tighter every day.

KUROPATKIN (in the north) and ROJESTVENSKY (on the sea): Only too glad, dear friend, if we weren't so closely looked after ourselves.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Sir Edward Fry.

HE seems to have spent the greater part of his seventy-seven years in settling disputes and presiding at inquiries. Now he is to act as our legal assessor in the arbitration of the Baltic Fleet outrage. For fifteen years he sat upon the bench, deciding the right and wrong between his fellow-men. Then, twelve years ago, he retired, but only to find himself in as great demand as ever in settling disputes. He arbitrated in the South Wales coal dispute. He was chairman of the Court of Arbitration on London water two years ago. He is a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague, and he acted as Board of Trade arbitrator in the preliminary inquiry at Grimsby on the present question.

And he is still as ready for work as ever. His years weigh very lightly on him. Though his hair and judicial-looking side whiskers are perfectly white, his eyes are as bright as ever, and his mouth is shut with as much determination as it was twenty years ago.

Busy man as he is, he has found time to write a great deal, and on all sorts of subjects. He has written essays on the Accordance of Christianity with the Nature of Man, several books on legal subjects which show his legal knowledge, one on British nooses which shows how thoroughly he has ridden his hobby, and has even made an analysis of the 1,664,000 sermons which he finds are preached in the Church of England every year.

There is not a subject on which he cannot talk, and talk well, for his fund of general knowledge is of the widest, and there is certainly not a subject in which he is not interested.

THE WORLD'S HUMOUR.

Wit from Europe and America.

"Gentlemen ain't so plentiful in the City, I can tell yer. Why, it takes three generations to make a gentleman, my boy, think of that."

"Your grandson has a chance of being one, then."—Le Rire (French).

"How much sugar do you like in your tea, Tommy?"

"Too much, auntie, please."—"Life" (American).

"Didn't your father ask you what you saw in me to admire?"

"No; he asked me what I imagined I saw!"—"Kladderadatsch" (German).

Father (who has been called upon in the city and asked for his daughter's hand): Louise, do you know what a solemn thing it is to be married?

Louise: Oh, yes, pa; but it is a good deal more solemn being single.—Judy.

"I understand, Ethel, you have engaged yourself to that young man against my wish. I distinctly told you not to encourage him."

"I didn't, papa. He didn't need any encouraging."—"Fliegende Blätter" (German).

"Doctor," said the homely maid, "can you recommend anything to make me beautiful?"

"Certainly," said the M.D. "Get someone to leave you a fortune. Two guineas, please."—"Chicago News."

FAMOUS JAP GENERALS.



Two famous Japanese Generals, Fuji and Fukushima, surprised by the photographer as they were having a confidential chat on the outskirts of Liao-yang.—
(J. H. Hare, "Collier's Weekly.")

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS FOR THE COLONIES.



In whatever clime he may be the Englishman's thoughts always turn to "Home" on Christmas Day. This photograph shows the Christmas puddings which are to be sent to our cousins across the seas, to help them to spend a happy Christmas.



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MR. SIEVIER'S JEWELS.

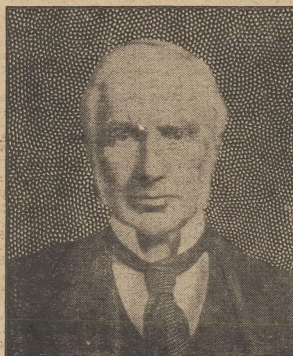


These are some of the magnificent jewels, belonging to the ex-owner of Sceptre, which were sold at the Conduit-street Auction Rooms yesterday: A necklet of five rows of Oriental pearls, diamond butterfly brooch, necklet of pear-shaped pearls and brilliants and—



—a sumptuous trefoil brooch of sapphires and brilliants, a necklet of brilliants to form a tiara at will, and a pear-shaped Oriental pearl scarf-pin.
—(See page 4.)

NORTH SEA OUTRAGE.



Sir Edward Fry, who has been appointed legal adviser to the Commission of Inquiry into the Baltic Fleet outrage.—(Elliott and Fry.)

THE FAMOUS CH



This famous herd was put up for auction yesterday. The auctioneer said he would accept a bid for £1,000 to the price, the herd remained.

SCENE OF A VICTORY OF MR. EVA



The great Welsh preacher has carried his campaign to the Abergorkie mine, near Treorky. Five converts have been converted owing to the visit.

LADIES P



In the match between the Ladies of Surrey and the Ladies of Kent.

NEWS PICTURES



WILD CATTLE.



...y, but only one bid of £100 was made. The auc-
...pen, but as this was very much under the reserve
...sold.—(Winter, Derby.)

ROBERTS, THE WELSH REVIVALIST.



...n into every part of the country. This picture
...ndred of the 1,500 men working in this mine
...ent exhortations of Mr. Evan Roberts.

Y HOCKEY.



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COUNTESS OF LIMERICK.



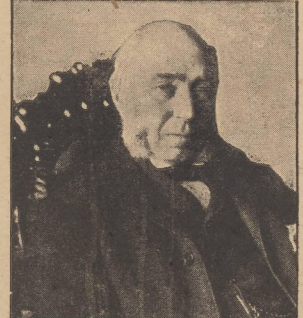
Lady Limerick is starting on a grand
concert tour through America in Febru-
ary next for the purpose of raising
funds to build and endow a musical
college at Dublin.—(Lafayette.)

PRETENDER'S ROMANCE.



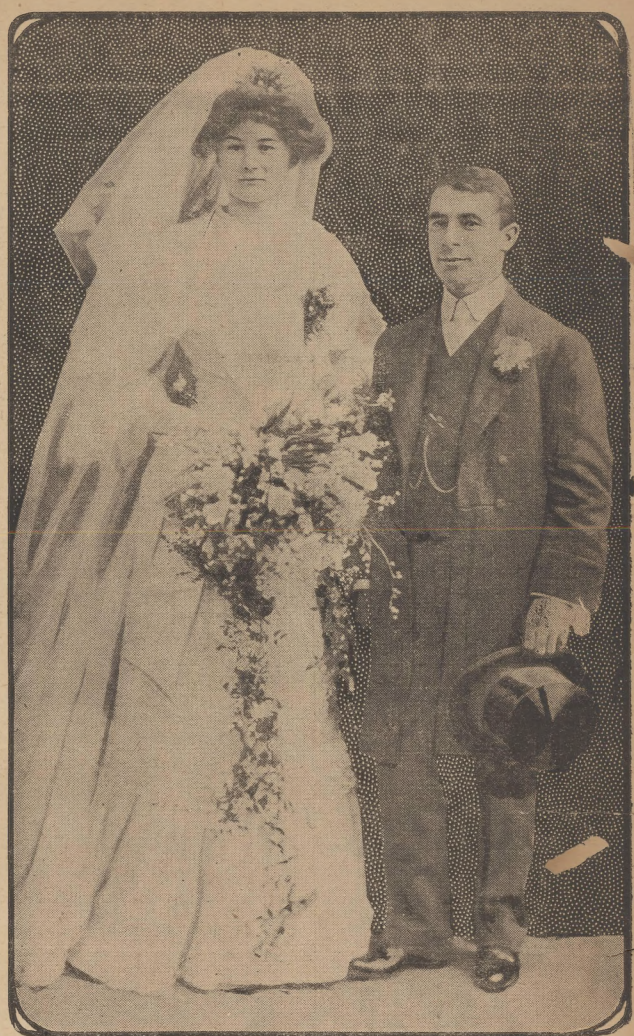
Prince Albert Ghika, an aspirant to
the crown of Albania, who has come
to London to further his political
designs and to marry Miss Margaret
Dowling, a beautiful Irish girl.

NEW CHAIR OF MUSIC.



Mr. Richard Payton, who has given
the sum of £10,000 for the endowment
of a Chair of Music at the Birming-
ham University; the only condition
being that the chair is offered to and
accepted by Sir Edward Elgar.—
(Elliott and Fry.)

MR. AND MRS. OTTO MADDEN.



Portrait of the famous jockey and his bride, taken specially for the *Daily Mirror*
immediately after their marriage at Bury St. Edmunds.

THAMES-SIDE HOTEL BURNT DOWN.



All that remains of the Weir Hotel at Sunbury. The fire raged through the whole
night, and destroyed all but the outer walls of one wing. The damage caused has
been estimated at from £2,000 to £3,000.

THE JUDGE'S SECRET.

By ANDREW LORING.

Author of "Mr. Smith of England."

PERSONS OF THE STORY.

Sir ALANSON GASCOYNE, Judge of the High Court.

Lady GASCOYNE (Rosamond), his Wife.

RICHARD DEVERILL, in love with Lady Gascoyne. She has compromised herself by visiting his chambers, but of this her husband is still ignorant.

Mrs. LA GRANGE, Lady Gascoyne's friend, a social superior, heavily in debt.

HAROLD SOMERTON, Mrs. La Grange's brother, a blackguard, who has been in prison, but has since Deverill and Lady Gascoyne, he blackmails Deverill into helping him to regain his position in society. He has been invited to a secret dinner party by Lady Gascoyne.

GERTRUDE GASCOYNE, the Judge's sister, whom Somerton has set his heart on marrying. She believes his statement that he was wrongfully convicted.

HUGH MORDAUNT, a friend of the Gascoynes, who has given way to drink. Gertrude is in love with him.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

A Charming Greeting.

"How perfectly sweet you look, Gertrude," cried Lady Gascoyne, as her sister-in-law came into the drawing-room. "You look as cool in that muslin as though you had stepped from an ice-house."

"I'm not," answered Gertrude, smiling. "I simply jumped into my things when your message came. What is it, Rosamond?"

"I only wanted to make sure of five minutes before Alanson came," answered Lady Gascoyne, as she placed an arm affectionately round Gertrude's waist, and drew her towards the great window. "I have been talking to him about Mr. Somerton."

"I'm so glad, dear; it's such a relief. I felt a little guilty. And what does he say?"

"Just what I told you—he was the Judge, and his judgment was not tempered by mercy."

"I was afraid it would be so," answered Gertrude, regretfully. "Did you tell him everything? Did you say that Mr. Somerton would soon be able to prove himself innocent of the principal charge against him?"

"Indeed, I did not. Can't you see the prompt answer, Gertrude? He would be sure to say that we must have nothing to do with Mr. Somerton until he has proved his innocence."

"That's so," said Gertrude, softly. "A Judge would not be expected to take such things on trust. Is it the privilege or the misfortune of women that we are more merciful in our judgments?"

"It is a privilege," answered her ladyship, "that brings misfortune to us. I feel our position very awkward, Gertrude. I can't bear to think of throwing the man over."

"Does Alanson insist?"

"No," answered her sister-in-law slowly, "but I know he would be pleased if we did—that is, pleased at this moment. Our talk was interrupted, but Lane was softening a good deal."

"Still," said Gertrude, "we cannot do anything against his wishes."

"Of course not—when we are certain what they are. I do not despair at all, Gertrude, of bringing him over to our side. I shall speak to him again about it."

"Shall I, too?"

"No, indeed. He blames me rather about you. He rather liked my standing up for the brother of my friend—that is, he liked me to stand up for him, and that sort of thing, don't you know—but he quite scolded me for mixing you up in it. He insisted on my speaking plainly to you, and asking you to be a little careful."

"He doesn't expect me to cut Mr. Somerton?"

"Not at all. What we are both to do, Gertrude, is to do nothing. In two or three days his kind heart will triumph, he will withdraw his objections. In the meantime, however, we mustn't irritate him in any way. We must avoid meeting Mr. Somerton. You know, Gertrude, all men, the best and worst alike, require a great deal of managing. They—"

"Hush," whispered Gertrude, as she heard her brother's footstep behind them.

"It will be a beautiful night," he cried, putting a hand on the shoulder of each lady, and looking out from between the two heads so close together. There was no trace about him of irritation. He had thought over Rosamond's explanation, and his love for her, and his affection for Gertrude, had led him to see the kindest and most generous motive in their foolish action.

"I'm glad you haven't drawn the curtains," he said, "this is almost the last day we can even begin to dine by daylight. There's not a cloud on the sky, and the harvest-moon will be nearly full. I book you for a stroll after dinner, Rosamond."

"Lovely," she answered, "but not until half-past nine or ten. Finish your smoke completely in the library. I have a slight headache."

"I am so sorry," he responded, and the inflection of the sentence conveyed a double regret. He wished to apologise once again for abrupt words which Rosamond's plaintive voice intimated delicately had caused this slight pain in her head.

Gertrude left the room after an instant in search of a forgotten handkerchief.

"I've had a long talk with her, Lanse," said Lady Gascoyne, "and she accepts the command which you have laid on her, though she thinks you are somewhat arbitrary. Now, see what an obedient household you have."

"You make me feel an awful tyrant," he replied, laughing, "but there's only one way out of a little complication like this, and that is by the direct road. No half-way measures, no gentle little withdrawals—just the straightforward declaration that you've done with the man. Choose your own course with Mrs. La Grange. Either tell her that a gleam of common sense has come to you or admit that you are constrained by her."

"I hoped that you would relent a little bit," she said as they went down the stairs towards the dining-room.

He was annoyed at the suggestion.

"My decision is final," he repeated brusquely. "I shall see Deverill to-morrow. If he continues to support this profligate criminal after knowing his life history I shall forbid him the house, too."

No man has the right to introduce such a character into the neighbourhood, and I will not sit quietly and see it done. I can't understand Deverill. The only thing that would excuse his act in some degree would be that he was in love with Mrs. La Grange. You have never suggested that."

Lady Gascoyne grasped at anything which seemed to give probability to Deverill's action. She rushed on the landing of the stairs, and though it choked her to assert that Richard Deverill was in love with another woman, she came out roundly with the statement.

"I shall deal more gently with him," was the Judge's comment. "All men," he said sententially, as they entered the dining-room, "are more or less irresponsible when they love. My experience at the table," he continued, as they seated themselves at the table, "has taught me that even the hardest-headed man of the world, the cleverest student of human nature, even the lawyer, trained to sift evidence, may become a credulous fool when in love."

"Isn't that the noblest thing about it," cried Gertrude. "It lifts people above degrading suspicion, it teaches them to believe the best, to have the highest hopes."

"Yes, it has its nobler side," answered Sir Alanson Gascoyne, as he looked affectionately across the little round table at his wife; "but unhappily the barrister and the Judge come into contact almost entirely with the tragic, the ludicrous side, of this trust which love inspires. I have had clients, men accustomed to weigh evidence, to look into witnesses' faces, who have positively refused to accept undoubted evidence that they have been deceived by a worthless wife."

"Your profession, Alanson," answered Gertrude, "is a terrible one. It destroys belief, it kills confidence."

"Does it?" answered the Judge with a laugh. "Am I such a suspicious old curmudgeon, Gertrude? How could I be, with such a wife and such a sister?"

Lady Gascoyne looked almost haggard. Words like these cut her like a dagger. Her thought always was of what he would do if the day came when he should find her out. She thought little of the wreck of his life, of the bitter awakening which he would have, of the possible destruction of his high and noble soul. She was too deeply mounted higher and higher each day, as the ruthless Somerton became more exorbitant in his demands.

All through the dinner she was thinking of one thing. She must confess to Richard Deverill the utter failure of her attempt to secure the good will of her husband towards Harold Somerton. What now would Somerton do? He had pretended always to be reasonable, he had told her over and over again that he did not ask impossibilities. Would he believe that she had tried to do her best with her husband? Would he accept her failure? It was the only hope she had left.

Through the maze of her fears she saw her dinner companions dimly, heard no word of what they were saying, until the name of Mordaunt reached her ears. She started. Was he telling Gertrude what Mordaunt had seen. She listened eagerly for Gertrude's answer.

"No," said the girl, with flushing face, "I didn't know he had come back here."

"Did you know that he had had a serious illness?" asked her brother.

"I heard it," was Gertrude's faltering response. "I hope he is getting on nicely."

"Yes, he is, poor old chap," cried the Judge; "shows it a bit, still, you can see that he's picking up very fast. Help me to persuade Rosamond to be kind to him, Gertrude. He is very much changed—I believe the change is a permanent one."

Gertrude looked up eagerly at her brother.

"I thought you'd be pleased," he said, "he spoke like the old Hugh this morning. You'll ask him to dinner, won't you, Rosamond?"

"And he talks," cried Lady Gascoyne, a little sharply, turning to Gertrude and pointing to her husband, "of barristers who are incredulous, of judges who lose belief in humanity. You know, Gertrude, I have been rather patient with that young gentleman, haven't I? Do you really think he deserves another trial?"

"I do not suppose," said Gertrude, "that I will do him any harm to come here to dinner."

"Oh, I'm not thinking of him," laughed Lady Gascoyne, nervously. "I shall have to forgive him of course—Alanson insists on it."

"I was thinking of him," said Gertrude, flushing painfully, as she looked significantly at the claret decanter.

"Don't be afraid about Hughie," he cried confidently. "I tell you I had a most sincere conversation with him this morning. He wants particularly to see you, Rosamond."

"To see me?" Lady Gascoyne lifted her finely pencilled eyebrows into a question.

"Yes, but I'll let him tell his own story. He asked my advice about something, and I thought you were the one to tell him what to do. It's a matter—the Judge's eyes twinkled as he spoke—"that I'm not quite competent to deal with."

"I do not suppose," answered Lady Gascoyne somewhat tartly, "to be adviser to any more brands plucked from the burning—can't you take him on, Gertrude?"

A little malice tipped the tongue that shot this question. This dinner seemed to Lady Gascoyne to be dragging on interminably.

"It is hardly a question for Gertrude," said the Judge gravely, and then anxious Lady Gascoyne relapsed into silence.

At the first possible moment she gave the signal to Gertrude for rising, and as they went out of the room together she called to her husband, "I shall come to you in the library at half-past nine."

"Right you are," he answered, as he lighted his cigar.

"I am tired," she said to Gertrude when they were in the hall together. "I shall lie down for a little while. Alanson will insist on our going out together. What are you going to do?"

"I have some letters to write," was Gertrude's answer. "Do you know," she continued, after an instant, "I am thinking of going away somewhere. That's the best way out of it all, I am sure."

"Perhaps you are right," answered her sister-in-law thoughtfully. "We will talk of it in the morning. I shall be sorry to lose you, but, of course, you must do what you think best for yourself."

"She does not want to see Hugh Mordaunt again," said her ladyship to herself, as she went slowly towards her own apartments. "If she goes she is safe from him, but not from Harold Somerton. He can follow her."

She threw a shawl about her head, slipped unnoticed down the stair, and made her way quietly out of the house through the billiard-room. Gertrude's suggestion had given her a new hope. She wondered it had not instantly occurred to her. She saw in Gertrude's departure at least a temporary source of all difficulties.

She made her way round the path by the side of the lawn, pausing now and again to look furtively behind her, starting at the slight sounds in the still twilight that came now and again to her ears, careful always to keep beneath the shadow of the trees. She shivered as she plunged into the partial gloom of the over-arched path which led to the door of the summer-house.

"Dick," she whispered.

There was no answer. He had not come. It was the first time that he had ever kept her waiting. Lady Gascoyne stepped into the summer-house, flung herself into a rustic seat, and bowed her head on her arms. She was in the dark now. The rising of the harvest moon, which had faintly brightened the waning twilight without, could not reach this little hidden corner embowered in trees and in a network of climbing vines.

That indomitable resolution which had never before faltered, had been oozing out with each step towards the rendezvous. Her husband's words at dinner had shaken her, had pictured for her with a new vividness, the shameful nature of the wrong she was doing him. His contemptuous loathing for Harold Somerton forced her to see clearly what kind of man it was who held her in the hollow of his hand, made her understand thoroughly what good men thought of him. Her whole soul was a revolt at the shameless tyranny under which she was living.

It is all for nothing," she moaned to herself. "I have lived a hell for two months now, and it ends to-day in Alanson undoing everything. He will never receive the man, will force him from the neighbourhood. Gertrude will get to know the truth about him—then it will turn on me."

She started as a sound came over the still evening air. It was the striking of the distant village clock. It relieved her, to realise that she had been a little ahead of the appointed hour. It had seemed to her that the delay of Richard Deverill marked a waning interest—they had hardly seen one another for two months. Care, worry, anxiety, had enveloped them both.

What if he should desert her at this moment, should leave her there alone to meet the retribution which she felt coming swiftly towards her. She trembled and drew her wrap more closely about her, as a sudden decision leaped to her brain.

"He was right," she said to her own heart. "There is one way to end it all. I will go with him to-night. I will cut it all."

She heard a furtive step without.

"Dick," she cried.

"Yes," came back a voice.

She gave a little cry, and flung herself into the arms of the intruder.

"A charming greeting—but received under false pretences. The wretched woman staggered back as she heard these words uttered in the voice of Harold Somerton.

(To be continued.)



HURRY UP

before the holidays are upon you, and get the house in apple-pie order for your friends who are coming by the "trip" to spend a day or two with you. Don't allow your house to be lacking in charm. See that it is every bit as nice as theirs; and this you can easily do if you will cover your floors with CATESBY'S CORK LINO. It is such a handsome-looking material that it helps improve the aspect of the furniture. You thus once secure a house that not only pleases your visitors, but will be the envy of your neighbours. Write for samples to-night; don't waste a day. You can then purchase on Easy Terms, or secure 2s. in the £ discount for cash. We pay carriage.

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"NOBODY NEED STARVE."

Where Cases of Acute Distress May Find Immediate Help.

A USEFUL LIST.

By the ARCHDEACON OF LONDON.

A story of a child of industrious parents dying slowly for want of food does indeed stir the heart. I remember the same feeling in the great snow-storm of 1881, when, in my own parish in the slums of Westminster, a boy who was accustomed to sleep out wherever he could get any kind of shelter was found frozen to death. Anyone would have taken him in on such a night; but he did not know. I am inclined to think that the mother of the starved child in your pitiful story did not know where she could get help.

I am quite certain that nobody need starve in London. There is abundance of sympathetic help always ready for real cases of need; the difficulty is to bring the help and the need together.



Archdeacon Sinclair, one of the foremost pillars of the Church in London.—(Photograph by Russell.)

"Preventable infant mortality" is a terrible phrase; it means the multiplication of such cases where help and need fail to find each other out. I do not think that critics of the situation would be right in accusing the more prosperous classes generally of apathy and heartlessness. There probably never was a time when people were so eager to remedy distress, and prevent its causes, as at the present moment. The air is full of philanthropy; vast numbers of persons are eager to show sympathy with suffering; they only need to know what to do and how to do it.

With regard to what the mother could have done, or what others in her sad troubles could do, let me say first that even those who dislike the Church of England will admit that the social work of the parish clergyman is very sincere. In all the poorest parts of London he gathers round him a number of district visitors or other helpers who have streets and courts assigned to them, and whose business it is to discover these deplorable cases of real necessity. In most cases, all through the winter he has a soup-kitchen where, at any rate, soup and bread can be had for a nominal sum, and for nothing when there is no money to pay. This, though not sufficient help for such a case, would at any rate prevent starvation.

SOCIETIES THAT HELP THE POOR.

But we will suppose that for some reason the help of the parish clergyman is not desired. There is still the Almoner of the Society for the Relief of Distress, which is not connected with any religious body, and which covers all the poorer parts of London.

There is another admirable society, the Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association, which sends sums of money to each parish clergyman in the poorer districts for precisely such cases as this.

There are also the shelters and labour homes of the Salvation Army and the Church Army, which are widely spread and widely known, and which meet adequately certain kinds of destitution. There are others of the same kind, not connected with these, such as the House of Charity, Greck-street, Soho; the Newport Market Refuge, Coburg-row, Westminster; Ham-yard Soup Kitchen, Leicester-square; Medland Hall, and the like.

In addition to these there is now to be Mr. Walter Long's scheme, on principles which I have for years advocated, of municipal committees in the different boroughs, working in conjunction with a central committee.

I have nothing to say against social reformers who hope to raise wages by new economical schemes. I am only writing for present circumstances, because all will admit that it would be many years before such schemes could be carried out, and meantime I want no more cases of starva-

tion, whether of men, women, or children. In our present condition the wages for unskilled labour are low because of the great redundancy of population in London. That would be to some extent remedied if a greater impetus could be given to emigration. The Waifs and Strays Society and Dr. Barnardo have done much in this direction by emigrating children to Canada.

I should be glad to see a clear and brief outline of such means of help as I have indicated hanging up conspicuously at all post offices, police stations, elementary schools, places of worship, and other public buildings in the poorer districts. This might be done by Mr. Long's central committee. Every police-constable in these districts might also be provided with a copy in a convenient form to keep in his pocket.

HINTS FOR THE CHARITABLE.

Meantime, those of your readers who have been stirred by this sad event might well send money to any of the following:—

Mr. Long's central committee at the Board of Trade,
The committees of the borough councils,
The Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association,
The Society for the Relief of Distress,
The Church Army,
The Salvation Army,
The House of Charity, Soho,
The Newport Market Refuge, Westminster,
The Ham-yard Soup Kitchen, Leicester-square,
Medland Hall,
The Church of England Waifs and Strays Society,
Dr. Barnardo's Homes,
The Central Emigration Society,
And all other emigration societies.

There are innumerable other agencies which may be seen clearly classified in the admirable register of the Charity Organisation Society.

Any efforts to help the mass of the casual labourers and their families to help themselves, it goes without saying, should at the same time be earnestly considered and supported.

WILLIAM SINCLAIR,
Archdeacon of London.

"PUNCH" AND THE KAISER.

The Historic Quarrel in Which Mr. Punch Came Off Victorious.

So Mr. E. T. Reed's picture of Mr. Roosevelt and the Kaiser in "Punch" was not confiscated in Germany after all. The German Embassy officially announces the fact. Evidently the Kaiser does not mind being caricatured so much as he did.

Twelve years ago the doors of the royal palaces in Germany were closed against Mr. Punch, even though he was not drummed out of the kingdom.

It was Mr. Linley Sambourne's cartoon in March, 1892, which offended the Kaiser. In England, just at that time, the German Emperor was known as the "Shouting Emperor," for reasons which need no explanation.

Mr. Punch's cartoon did not please the Kaiser, and he immediately issued an order that the paper, after having been taken in at the royal palaces for forty years, was to be struck off the list of journals.

Mr. Punch was not to be beaten, and his answer was the cartoon of "Wilful Wilhelm"—the Emperor, a *Ja Strummelpeter*, screaming amid his toys and guns:

"Take the nasty 'Punch' away;
I won't have any Punch to-day."

The quarrel went on for quite a long time, Mr. Punch producing several very cutting cartoons against the irate monarch.

But the Emperor's anger gave way—he wanted his "Punch," so, to save appearances, it was sent him every week from London in an official-looking envelope, opened by the Kaiser's own hand, and by him stowed away on the library shelf.

SCRUBBING BY MACHINERY.

Good news for domestic servants! A mechanical scrubbing-brush has been invented by an Indiana man.

No more kneeling down and dabbling with chilled hands in soapy water. The operator stands upright and works the brush by merely pressing on the handle and directing the clean as desired.

The results are said to be marvellous. The only difficulty is to restrain the machine from scrubbing floors away altogether.

THE VETERAN'S TRIUMPH.

Sir Henry Irving is bringing the first part of his farewell provincial tour to an end this week at Manchester. Everywhere he has met with the greatest success.

The tour will be resumed towards the end of January, and will last until about Easter, when Sir Henry comes to Drury Lane for a short season. He is due in San Francisco on September 1.

Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., is anxious to make it clear that the words " (see page 7) " after the reference to Mr. Fels in his article of Monday were not put in by him. Neither directly nor indirectly was he in any way responsible for the sketch of Mr. Fels, which appeared on page 7.

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SUPPORT HOME INDUSTRIES.

In order to compete against the foreigner the English manufacturer has to reduce his work-people's wages. This causes strikes and poverty. If people would only insist on buying British-made goods there would in time be plenty of work, and being out of work would be a thing of the past. M. BOOTH.

IMPOTENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Shaw is quite right. It is no "problem," but gross mismanagement, callous injustice, a heartless indifference to the vital wants of a nation. You also ask: "Do miracles happen?" Most decidedly. One happened this week. Three hundred Russians landed in London, and yet we "believe" there is enough food for them!

A YOUNG MAN, ASHAMED OF HIS LEADERS.
Mark-lane, E.C.

SHREWSBURY'S GOOD EXAMPLE.

In drawing up a circular about the Shrewsbury Popular Charity Concerts, organised to raise a fund for the assistance of the poor of the town during the winter months, we have chosen for the heading a line from your paper, "The cry of the ill-clad poor and the homeless goes up."

It will perhaps interest you and your readers to see to what a benevolent purpose such a touching line from your bright paper has been put.

WILLIAM E. HILL.

55a, Castle-street, Shrewsbury.

HOME-MADE BREAD.

With regard to "Mother of Five's" letter, has she ever calculated the price of the fuel required to bake her home-made bread?

As for the dinners, very often all the poor are able to afford a halfpennyworth of fish and a halfpennyworth of potatoes, which would cost far more if they were bought raw and cooked at home.

"Mother of Five's" coal bill would be nearly as much as the total incomes of most poor families.

(Mrs.) E. M. BALFOUR.

The Brewery, Lyndhurst-road, S.E.

THE "WELL-DRESSED" MAN.

The Conventional Garb of Civilisation Called Very Hard Names.

Man spends a good deal of time and much ink in sneering at the very obvious folly and extravagancies of most women's clothes, but occasionally he gets the laugh turned back on him.

The editorials of the "Rational Dress Gazette" hits very hard this month. The man "who dresses well" in the conventional city garb of frock-coat and silk hat is the butt.

"Good heavens," says the man thus indicated, "what's the matter with me? I'm all right!" And he gathers up the superfluous tails of his coat and sits down, after slightly pulling up the legs of his trousers, so that they may not bag at the knees. When he goes out there is an amazing, shining, hard cylinder on his head; his coat tails flap against his knees, and, very probably, his stiff collar keeps his chin at a fixed angle. If he were to look in the glass he would be perfectly satisfied. He is well "Groomed." Ye gods, what a word—what a witheringly descriptive word!

Thus the "Rational Dress Gazette." Not flattering, is it?

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most by Miss Isobel Williamson, whose work forms the subject of this interview. The Liverpool School of Architecture and Applied Art was the home of Miss Williamson's early studies, where she was a pupil of Mr. Anning Bell, the well-known artist and designer of stained windows. She speaks of herself in this regard as an "experiment," and certainly she is a very successful one. Miss Williamson did not study from the antique, but went straight into the life class. Mr. Bell never allowed his pupils to do any designing in class, as he holds that it tends to create a sameness in their work, and to this is probably owing the fact that Miss Williamson has preserved her originality. There is a style, charm, and a

spurt of the moment Miss Williamson bethought her of a fascinating idea for little square rose trees dotted at intervals with a semicircle of fallen petals beneath them, and a semicircle of blue butterflies above.

In a frieze called "Tea and Gossip," groups of old-fashioned damsels in crinolines chat over tea-tables, and between each table sits, perched on a high stand, a knowing green parrot, who, with his head on one side and a mischievous twinkle in his eye, listens carefully.

Quite a number of Miss Williamson's designs go to America, where there is a very refined and discriminating taste in all these things. That they are appreciated in England also, however, will be understood when it is known that Messrs. Liberty's window in Regent-street is sometimes full of her charming figures, the same design being repeated on wall-papers, cretonnes, cushions, and blotters.

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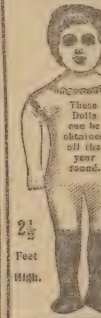
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Among the many picturesque cloth redingotes now being made the above is a singularly charming specimen. It is built of myrtle-green cloth a little draped about the waist and trimmed with a short ermine scarf, cuffs, and muff.

most by figure schemes. There is one lady designer who turns their nurseries into a veritable fairyland, where all their story-book favourites dwell upon the walls. Such dainty yet real-looking people they are that one can well imagine the children, when they sit alone before the glowing nursery fire in the gloaming, fancying that these boys and girls on the walls step down and tell them the real story about themselves. They learn perhaps then what Bo-Peep was doing when she wasn't looking for her sheep, and what it is that the fairies eat, as they sit on stools of little mushrooms round tables made of bigger ones, having a moonlight feast. This last is seen in a design for a very favourite nursery

find of imagination about her wall-papers which make them absolutely distinct from anything that one has ever seen before. Her designs are indeed works of art of a very high order.

That she is a lover of children one feels at once. The little people in her wall-papers are often taken out of her sketch-book from studies she has done at various times of her small nephews and nieces. She spent a whole summer holiday once following the sheep over the Surrey hills to get a bookful of pencil sketches of them in all sorts of attitudes. These she has utilised in her Bo-Peep wall-papers, a favourite subject of hers, inasmuch that she has made four quite different papers from it. In each one there are stripes of clover interrupted by little oblong shapes formed of flocks of sheep, and the accompanying frieze is a hedge of clover with Bo-Peep figures at intervals. The blue ribbon attached to each crook, and festooned from one to the other, has a charming effect.

There is another delightful frieze of groups of girls in rose-coloured dresses blowing blue bubbles, and quaint rose trees of a square shape in between. This design was suddenly ordered for a boudoir in America, and there was no, what they call over there, "side wall-paper" to match it. On the

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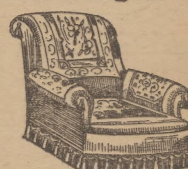
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SANDOWN PARK SELECTIONS.

Snow and sleet threatened the second and concluding day of the Gatwick meeting, but, fortunately, before the first race was commenced the sun broke through the leaden clouds, and the light was perfect. Still, the wind was bitterly cold, and the air raw and damp. In spite of this, however, there was a capital attendance.

The fact that so many people were present shows how popular Gatwick is with followers of sport under National Rules. Racing was won very easily by the afternoon's proceedings, as Favourite was always victorious, and he won easily. Martin, the ex-jockey, gave 150 guineas for him. Mr. Chapman, this is a spite of a slight leg trouble. Wild Apple, who finished third, whipped round when the flag fell.

In some recent years Mr. Bottomley has been very lucky at the commencement of the steeplechasing season, but it was left to Biology, who won the Metropolitan Steeplechase, to place the first good stake to his credit this season, the gelding easily defeating Cashdown, who hounded badly at the water. Biology took his fences beautifully, and should pick up some more prizes.

For the Three-Year-Old Hurdle Bridge Road, Cambo, and Chlova were all well matched. The race started with a slight advantage in the watering. Thanks to Henley swinging badly at the final obstacle, the verdict went to the favourite, who was probably never been beaten had Mr. Sherwood's representative run straight.

Had Little Hercules retained some of his old form, he would have made a good work of the race, but, although he flattered at one time, he was beaten two fences from home. The outsider of the party, Ruritan, who ran a good race, was ridden by his owner, Mr. Scott, scored easily. He was subsequently purchased by Mr. Le Bay, whose Strangford ran second.

Some close wagering was recorded in the Gatwick Hurdle Handicap, so well had Mr. Verrall apportioned the weights. Moneyface—better known as Miss Bryant when running under Jockey Club Rules—after a good contest in the run in with Netherland, gaining a capital victory. Odds of 9 to 2 were laid against both in the betting. Castellan was sent off by the heavy going.

Little Billee, but for making a bad mistake at the first open ditch, might have been returned the winner of the Winter Steeplechase, as he eventually finished second to Richmond Roy.

Racing will take place to-day and to-morrow at Sandown Park, where capital programmes have been arranged.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

- SANDOWN PARK.**
1.0—Selling Steeplechase—MINOR DALY.
1.30—Three-Year-Old Hurdle—EMERALD AGNES.
2.0—Ewell Steeplechase—NEREUS.
2.30—Grand Annual Hurdle—CUTBUSH.
3.0—Priory Steeplechase—CLARKSON.
3.30—Milburn Hurdle—HAPPY SLAVE.

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RACING RETURNS.

GATWICK.—THURSDAY.

- 1.0.—HOBBIAM HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 100 sovs; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Two miles.
Mr. J. Bancroft's FAVORITE, by Favoio—Jessa of Diamonds, 5 yrs, 11.10. Won very easily by five lengths.
Mr. T. P. Smith's SUNNY SOUTH, 5 yrs, 11.10. 2d.
Mr. H. E. Randall's WILD APPLE, 5 yrs, 12.10. 3d.

- Also ran: St. Lavan, Ansel, Gollan, Desno Little Fitz, His Grace, Acquisition, Porcus II., Duck Gun, Arrogant, Gessano, and a half.
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Betting—7 to 2 a Favourite, 7 to 1 His Grace, 3 to 1 St. Lavan, 10 to 1 each Sunny South and Swerve, 100 to 1 any other offered. Won easily by two lengths; a head in the second race. The winner was sold to Mr. C. Chapman for 150 guineas.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

SANDOWN PARK.

- 1.0—SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs; winner to be sold for 100 sovs. Two miles.
Cashdown 11.11 6.11.11
Montana 11.11 6.11.11
A Minor Devil 11.11 6.11.11
A Minor Devil's Dance 11.11 6.11.11
Little Billee 11.11 6.11.11
Castellan 11.11 6.11.11

- 1.30—THREE-YEAR-OLD SELLING HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. One mile.
Emerald Agnes 11.11 6.11.11
Puck 11.11 6.11.11
Eastergate 11.11 6.11.11
Wild Gander 11.11 6.11.11
Brother Green 11.11 6.11.11
Glandale 11.11 6.11.11
Crispale 11.11 6.11.11
Nobilia 11.11 6.11.11
Eufra 11.11 6.11.11
Gluckan 11.11 6.11.11
Valley 11.11 6.11.11

- PAPER SELECTIONS.—Jockey—Fruit Girl, Racehorse—Fruit Girl, Racing World—Fruit Girl or Emerald Agnes.

- 2.0—BELL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 100 sovs. Three miles.
May King 11.11 6.11.11
Claqueur 11.11 6.11.11
Napper Tandy 11.11 6.11.11
Kilcher 11.11 6.11.11
Brown Study 11.11 6.11.11
Hartford 11.11 6.11.11
The Hawk 11.11 6.11.11
Cottenshope 11.11 6.11.11
Valley 11.11 6.11.11

- PAPER SELECTIONS.—Jockey—Nereus, Racehorse—May King, if absent Nereus. Racing World—Cuthdown or Gollan.

- 2.30—GRAND ANNUAL HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 300 sovs. Two miles.
His Lordship 11.11 6.11.11
Cossack Post 11.11 6.11.11
Kilcher 11.11 6.11.11
A Vibrant 11.11 6.11.11
St. Moritz 11.11 6.11.11
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- PAPER SELECTIONS.—Jockey—St. Patrick's Day, Racehorse—Bacchus, Bittlesome. Racing World—Cuthdown or horse II. and Bittlesome.

- 3.0—PRIORY STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Two miles.
Holmfield 11.11 6.11.11
Stolen Bride 11.11 6.11.11
Tumour 11.11 6.11.11
Little Billee 11.11 6.11.11
El Bar 11.11 6.11.11
Orange Field 11.11 6.11.11
Suphith 11.11 6.11.11
St. Lavan 11.11 6.11.11
Drumkerrin 11.11 6.11.11

- PAPER SELECTIONS.—Jockey—Little Billee, Racehorse—Orange Field, Racing World—Clarkson or Orange Field.

- 3.30—MILBURN HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.
White Webb 11.11 6.11.11
Sylvan Park 11.11 6.11.11
Happy Slave 11.11 6.11.11
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NEWMARKET BLOODSTOCK SALES.

The attendance at Newmarket yesterday, when Messrs. Tattersall's bloodstock sales were continued, was not a large one. Snow and sleet fell at intervals, and little business was done.

Several moderate lots had to be withdrawn, and little business was done. Merry Seaton, the dam of Merry Girl, who has won over £400 in the last season, was bought for £700 guineas, and was sold to Mr. R. H. Henning. Whistling Rufus, at 500 guineas, was sold to Mr. Cannon, in all probability for Mr. C. Morby, for 700 guineas, and Morgendale for 650 guineas to Mr. Benson.

SHAFESBURY HARRIERS' TEAM RACE.

The social side of athletics will be well catered for to-morrow afternoon by the Shaftesbury Harriers, who are holding a five miles invitation inter-club race from their headquarters, the Rose and Crown, High-street, High-street. The clubs will compete—Gainsford A.C., Arbury Harriers, St. Mary's (Horse) A.C., Isledon Harriers, and the promoting club.

Every evening a smooze concert will be held, at which a collection will be made on behalf of Mr. J. H. Roberts's Balconia Heroes' Fund.

In a hockey county championship match played at Leicester yesterday Northamptonshire defeated Leicestershire by 3 goals to nil. At Reading Berkshire beat Oxfordshire by 3 goals to 2.

The Millwall directors evidently think that R. Jones is better at inside left than centre-forward, where they put him last Saturday. He will return to the inside left position in the next match.

Baker, the Millwall player, who was injured last week at Plymouth in the Western League match, is now much better. He was out for several hours after the game for several hours, and had to remain in Plymouth for a couple of days before making the journey to London.

The Council of the Football Association will meet on Monday, at the offices of the Association. Among the business to be the draw for the Intermediate Competition for the F.A. Cup. The Finance Committee will report as to the arrangements for the final.

Annual Selection Committee will recommend that the three matches be played as follows—England v. Ireland, on February 25, at Middlesbrough; England v. Wales, on March 4, on Sheffield Wednesday's ground; England v. Scotland, on April 1, at the Crystal Palace.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DELINQUENTS.

Management Committee Disposed to be Lenient—Curious Decision in Manchester's Case.

SMALL HEATH'S CHANCES.

For the future the Management Committee of the Football League has resolved "to adequately punish any offending clubs." I am more than surprised that a good working body like the League should have to have had their hands put in order, so to speak, by the parent body. Under any circumstances, if rules are broken by clubs adequate punishment must be meted out by the ruling body. I put emphasis on the qualifying adjective adequate. From it the only deduction to be made is that if things are to be done orderly, laws must be implicitly obeyed. Non-compliance means in the long run disaster and ruin.

I am devoutly of opinion—and I speak impartially—that the findings of the Football Association were perfectly fair, and as a consequence the League clubs generally will derive considerable benefit from the adjudication.

Management Committee's Paradox. At their monthly meeting in Manchester, the Management Committee of the League, having in consideration the indictment by the F.A. of the heavy penalties on the alleged off-doers—Manchester City, Sunderland, and Glossop—were disposed to be lenient with the clubs named. What were termed nominal penalties were imposed on Glossop and Sunderland, but Manchester City were off scot-free. No breach of League rules was found against them. This finding, to me, is a puzzle, having in regard the severity of the punishment meted out by the F.A. on the Manchesterians. The resolution seems to me a veritable paradox, and I leave it at that.

I am convinced last week to make reference to the improved form exhibited by Small Heath. Following upon their victory at Sunderland, the "Heathens" at home snatched a complete triumph over Woolwich Arsenal, and thereby jumped from fourth to second position in the table. Last month the Birmingham club did not lose a game, and in the last week of the season were unfortunately I am right glad to see them start their December fixtures so auspiciously.

The struggle for championship honours is in a most interesting condition, no fewer than half of the clubs in the table being in the running. I witnessed the Manchester City v. Hyde road, and I have to say, and despite the heavy scoring of the City I was disposed to think the Wearside side inferior to their opponents. Had they accepted the opposition which came their way during the first ten minutes a different tale might have been told.

Villa in Form. The finest performance last Saturday was that of Aston Villa, who were the only team to win away, their victims being Preston North End, who were beaten 3 to 0. "Villa" were going very badly. The fact of being the first club to win at Deepdale this season should lead to further conquests. Bury drew at Middlesbrough, and

from what I saw of the former at Clayton on Monday, in the replayed Manchester Senior Cup final, I am satisfied that they are much improved as a team. The "Shakers" must, after all, escape the humiliation of relegation. To-morrow eight First League games provide food for contemplation. As space is getting short, I shall only deal summarily with them. In the Aston Villa v. Manchester City's ability to overcome Woolwich Arsenal on the "Gunners" powder pie of gold. There may be the prospects of a draw—that is all. Following their improvement of last week, I shall expect Bury at home to just to be awarded the verdict against the Wolves. The Wolverhampton team will, however, struggle hard, as they cannot afford to lose points, so keen is the fight to get away from the bottom positions.

An afraid Stoke's visit to Everton will not be as successful as that of Derby County the previous week. The Peakes on that occasion divided the honours. I confidently predict the victory of Aston Villa at Middlesbrough, and Blackburn Rovers on their own native Heath should account for Preston North End. With a little luck thrown in, Small Heath should at least take away a point from Derby, but Nottingham Forest will, I expect, have to put in a lot of defensive play against their visitors. Newcastle United, who, as the present leaders, should about win.

At Sheffield a local "Derby" will be provided in the meeting of the meeting of the Wolves. The latter will be at home, and their improvement of the last fortnight should supply that necessary element of vigour to at least effect a draw, if not a positive victory.

THROSTLE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

WEST HAM CHARITY CUP.

LEYTONSTONE, 7; WANSTEAD, 2.

This replayed tie at Leytonstone resulted in a victory for the home team by 7 goals to 2.

At times the play was fast and exciting, but Leytonstone had much the best of the exchanges, the visitors, although strong at half-back, being poorly served at back.

The first goal came from James after fifteen minutes' play, and Phillips (2) and Fairweather added others before half-time. Winterholder, with a clever individual effort, scored for Wanstead.

After the change of ends Cutbush scored again for the visitors from a penalty, but Leytonstone replied with three others by Loshin (3) and Fairweather, and won a good game by 7 to 2.

COUNTY MATCH.

NORFOLK, 5; ESSEX, 4.

Wet weather prevailed at Norwich yesterday, but about twelve hundred spectators were present at the above match.

Halse scored the first goal for Essex after nine minutes' play, but Vigor quickly equalised, and before the interval Gooch twice scored for Norfolk, who led at half-time by two goals to one.

During the second half Halse scored a second goal for Essex, but Gooch put on another two goals for Norfolk immediately after.

Essex made a great effort to win, but they failed to draw level. They added a goal by Lee and another from a penalty-kick, and Norfolk won an extremely even game by 5 goals to 4.

Woolwich Arsenal have signed on Templeton, the famous Newcastle United outside left. He formerly played for Aston Villa, and has played at outside right for Scotland. Woolwich would probably have done better by securing a less brilliant but more consistent player than Scottish international.

At the Shire Hall, Nottingham, the certificate of the Royal Humane Society was presented to William Edwin Clarke, a member of the Nottingham Football Club, for saving the life of a boy who had fallen into the Grantham Canal. This is the second occasion on which Clarke has saved persons from drowning.

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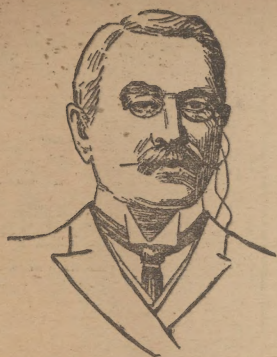
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